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Children's Learning Center

Spring Portraits

Lifetouch National School Studios will be here on Wed/Thurs, Feb. 13 & 14 to take spring photos. There is no advance purchase. When pictures arrive, parents have the opportunity to proof and determine their interest in purchasing at that time. Smile! It's Valentine's Week and Spring Portrait Week, too!

Valentines Day is Fast Approaching. If the calendar fills and you still want to bring a treat, we'll be happy to extend our holiday into March!

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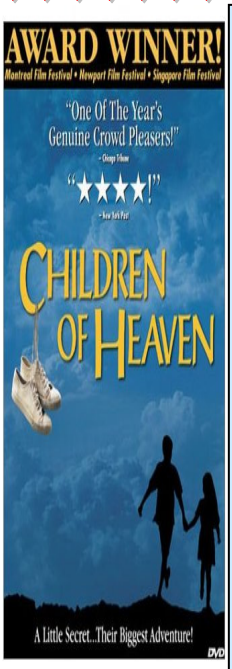
Valentine Card Parties This Week. Direct any specific questions to your child's teacher about their classroom "Card Parties" during 2:00 afternoon snack time on February 13 & 14.



International Film Festival presents: "Children of Heaven"
Tuesday, February 12 7:00 p.m. Massie Hall, Room 020

Free Admission, Free Snacks

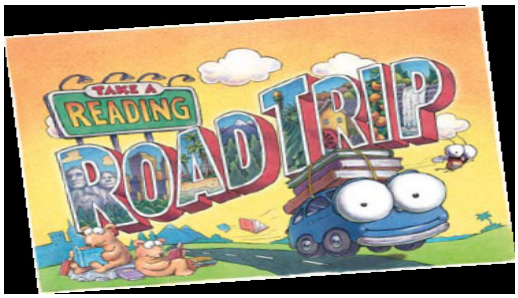
This bright jewel of a film is a cross-cultural masterpiece that touches the heart and reveals the universality of familial love and the determination of children to make do even in the direst circumstances. For the talented Iranian writer and director Majid Majidi, less is more and little things make all the difference in the world. On the way home from doing various errands in Teheran, nine-year-old Ali loses the newly repaired shoes of his younger sister Zahra. Since his father is five months overdue in paying the rent for their one-room home, the little boy doesn't want to tell him the bad news. So he and Zahra must share a pair of his worn-out sneakers: she uses them for morning classes at school, and then runs to meets him so he can wear them for his afternoon at school. All this running around puts a strain on them and adds to the household tension. Some of it is eased when Ali and his father travel by bike to the richer part of the city to do some gardening. Eventually, the energetic boy signs up for a race in which the third prize is a new pair of sneakers. In the world of children, small gestures and simple activities take on great meaning. Majid Majidi unravels these with careful attention — a perilous encounter with an angry schoolmaster, a moment of enchantment blowing bubbles, a time of panic when a sneaker falls in an active sewage drain, and the soothing comfort of cooling feet in the courtyard pond. *Children of Heaven* is a sheer delight from start to finish.

Calling Parent Artists

Miss Genevieve, Tuesday morning's French teacher, would like to do a water-color project centered on the work of French artist Claude Monet'. If you are a budding artist who would like to assist with this project, please let Miss Carol know.

Enrichment Extensions…Ola!

If your child (children) are enjoying their Spanish and Gymnastic class experiences, and you would like to extend them for another 6 weeks, please put your interest in writing to Miss Carol. Ola!

Like to Travel?

Then "Take a Reading Road Trip" with Dawn Little, this spring's Book Fair Chair! If you are willing to share any of the following items to inspire literacy, thanks in advance: maps we can cut apart, postcards, suitcases, road signs, child-size cars, landmark memorabilia (statue of liberty, national parks, Gateway Arch, etc.). Sign the clipboards in the office. We know you care…so your talents share!