



February 2021



Andover Academy, Making Learning Fun!



Immunizations:

It's a new year, 2021, please make sure the doctor dates the form correctly with a new expiration date before leaving the medical facility. Also, be advised that children with expired forms are not allowed in school even if they have an upcoming appointment. The appointment must be before or on the

date the form expires.

Changes:

Please remember if you have a change of address or telephone number or extension numbers, please let us know in the office. This is imperative, in case of emergencies.

Valentines Day:

There will be no parade for Valentines Day. However, we will have a Valentines Day card exchange on the 12th.

Tuition:

Please help us by writing your child's full name on your check, if it differs from the name imprinted on the check. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT:

Please hold your child's hand prior to leaving the school.

☐ Also, please **DO NOT** park on the west side of the overhang (the side nearest to the building). The yellow line is a Fire Lane Zone and you could get a ticket.

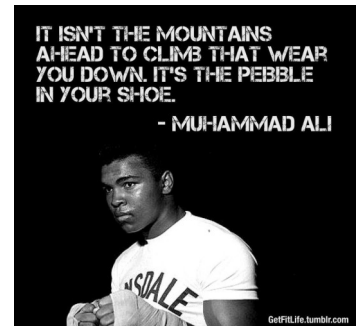
☐ We are asking parents PLEASE **end all cell phone conversations** prior to entering the school.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE:

Parent teacher conferences will be held virtually this year using Uber Conference. There will be a sign up sheet next to the sign in book in front of the school. Then to confirm your appointment email info@andoveracademy.net with the students name, teachers name, and your reserved timeslot in the subject line. Conferences are not confirmed until you receive a meeting confirmation.



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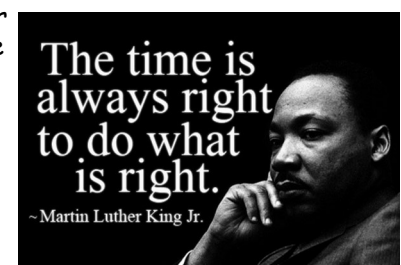
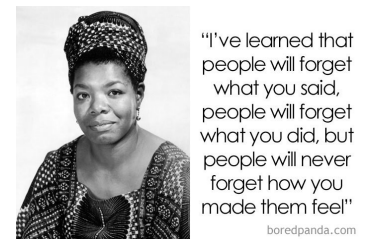


Important Dates

Andover Will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in honor of Presidents' Day



Mission Statement: Andover Academy strives to provide a quality education in a safe nurturing environment where each child may grow at his or her own pace. Our staff is committed to children and encourages a love of learning. Open communication and parent participation are essential to our program.





Happy Valentines Day



Traffic Light Color Match

You will need 2 full pieces of paper ideally one neutral color and one black, some red, green and yellow paper to rip into pieces, some double stick tape or glue, red, yellow and green crayons or markers and something to trace the circles with.

Trace 3 circles on the neutral piece of paper, the top should be red, middle yellow and bottom green.

Hand your child the colored paper to rip into small pieces. This isn't just fun for them, it's great practice for their fine motor skills!

Then start gluing or taping your small pieces in the correct circles.

George Washington Carver

GROW A PEANUT IN A BAG

Materials:

Raw peanuts from the health food store
Plastic baggies,
Paper towels
Water

Plant a peanut in a baggie by having each child put one or two raw peanuts in the baggie along with a damp paper towel.

Seal the baggie. Keep paper towel damp-but briefly open every couple days as not to mold.

Observe how peanuts grow.



Valentine's Day Slime

Materials:

1/2 cup school glue
1/2 cup water
Valentine Confetti
1/2 cup liquid starch

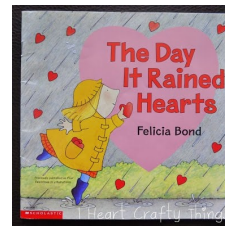
In a large bowl, combine the glue and the water and mix until well combined. The water and the glue will mix and will make a thin, runny liquid. Add in your confetti. Add a couple of tablespoons of confetti to take your slime from normal slime

to **Valentine's Day Slime**. After you have the confetti mixed in, add the half cup of liquid starch and mix. You will notice it starts to change consistency immediately! Keep mixing until it's no longer sticky. Switch from mixing with a spatula to mixing with your hands. Press and squeeze the **Valentine's Day Slime** until it's no longer sticking to your fingers.

Store your **Valentine's Day Slime** in an air-tight container to be able to play with it again and again! If you keep it in a container, it may firm up a bit when stored. If you remove it from its container and squeeze it around for a while, it will get soft and stretchy again. Much like play dough, when cooled, the slime will be a little stiffer and will need to warm up before it's soft again.



The Day it Rained Hearts



Supplies you will need:

- empty cardboard cereal box
- white tissue paper squares
- school glue
- red construction paper
- string
- scissors
- tape

Start by cutting a cloud shape out of an empty cereal box. Put school glue on one section at a time of the cloud and cover it with crumpled white tissue paper squares.

Next tape five strands of string (any type of string or yarn will do) to the back of the cloud.

Then cut hearts out of red construction paper make them varying sizes just as the book described.

Finish by taping hearts to the back of all of the different strings, turn it over to reveal your cloud raining hearts.



WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

Black History Month was established in 1926. Although there is an international aspect to Black History month, it is mainly an American holiday. In 1926, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson and other African American and white scholars, launched "Negro History Week" so that Americans could reflect on the history and contributions of African Americans. In the 1970s, the celebration of African American history was expanded to include the entire month of February.

