



**ROOTS AND BRANCHES
LIVE OAK PRESCHOOL
February 2012**



I would like to start this letter by simply saying "thank you" to the many parents who help out as room parents, parent aides, readers, cleaners and every other little job that comes your way. It helps us so much as teachers to have the support of so many wonderful families! Your help is invaluable to us!

Valentine's Day at Live Oak!

Next Tuesday and Wednesday at Live Oak, the children will be decorating Valentine Bags for their Valentines. On Thursday and Friday, Feb. 9th and 10th, if your child would like to bring in Valentine cards, we ask that he/she bring one card for *each* child in the class. (MWF a.m. 23 children, MWF p.m. 21 children, T/TH a.m. 23 children, and T/TH p.m. 14 children) We will appreciate your *not* putting the children's names on them, but just your child's name so that each child receiving one will know who it is from. We will have the bags in the lobby on Feb. 9th and 10th for you and your child to place any Valentines in the bags. You are welcome to put whatever you want on or with the Valentine, but please remember no nuts of any kind. Our Valentine snacks in school that day will only be *healthy* snacks. We have a regular day - no party other than we ask parents to bring in healthy Valentine colored snacks! (We don't care if they go *home* with sugar from the Valentine's you distribute! ☺)

**Healdsburg Wild Steelhead Festival!
Respect, Restore, Celebrate!**

Don't forget this fun event - rain or shine! Saturday, Feb. 11th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Healdsburg Wild Steelhead Festival is taking place at our very own town plaza! There will be a fishing pond, rubber fish to paint with, wine tasting (ok, now I got you!), etc., etc. Should be fun! Live Oak will be there as usual with face painting and fish art!

DDA UPDATE/REMINDERS!

First of all, be sure to get those babysitters lined up for March 9th! You don't want to miss out because you forgot to get a babysitter! For the MWF afternoon class, please be aware that we will be closing earlier that day - 3:00 p.m. dismissal. If you have not already turned in your RSVP, it would help us tremendously if you could do that at your earliest convenience so that we are able to get an accurate headcount as soon as possible. This is such a fun event and you don't want to miss it - I believe those of you who are new to Live Oak will be quite impressed with how wonderful our Dinner Dance Auction truly is!

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Enrollment for the fall 2012-2113

We will begin sending out enrollment letters for the 2012-2013 school year in late February. It looks like it will be another great year ahead! We thank all the parents who have come up to us and told us about their referrals to different families - it always helps! If you refer someone to our school and they come in for a tour and enroll in the fall, we will deduct \$50 from your re-registration fee of \$75. The new family will also get a \$50 deduction if they bring in an ad we are placing in the Healdsburg Parks and Rec brochure that is coming out this month. Check it out!!

Date to Remember!

Thursday & Friday, Feb. 9th/10th

Children may bring Valentines to give to other children

Monday, February 13th

No school, Lincoln's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday, February 14th

No school, Teacher In-Service Day

Monday, February 20th

No school, Washington's Birthday Holiday

Friday, March 9th

**DDA 6:00 p.m. Agatha Furth Center
MWF afternoon class - early dismissal 3p.m.**

March 19th-23rd

Spring Break



Words from the Children of Reggio Emilia. . .

"Thunder is the thing that makes the sky dance."

"Leaves fall because they only hold on with one hand."

"If you learn to love when you're little, then when you grow up it's easier."

