

ACCOTINK

ACADEMY



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NEWSLETTER

Excellence in Education





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LETTER FROM OUR STAFF

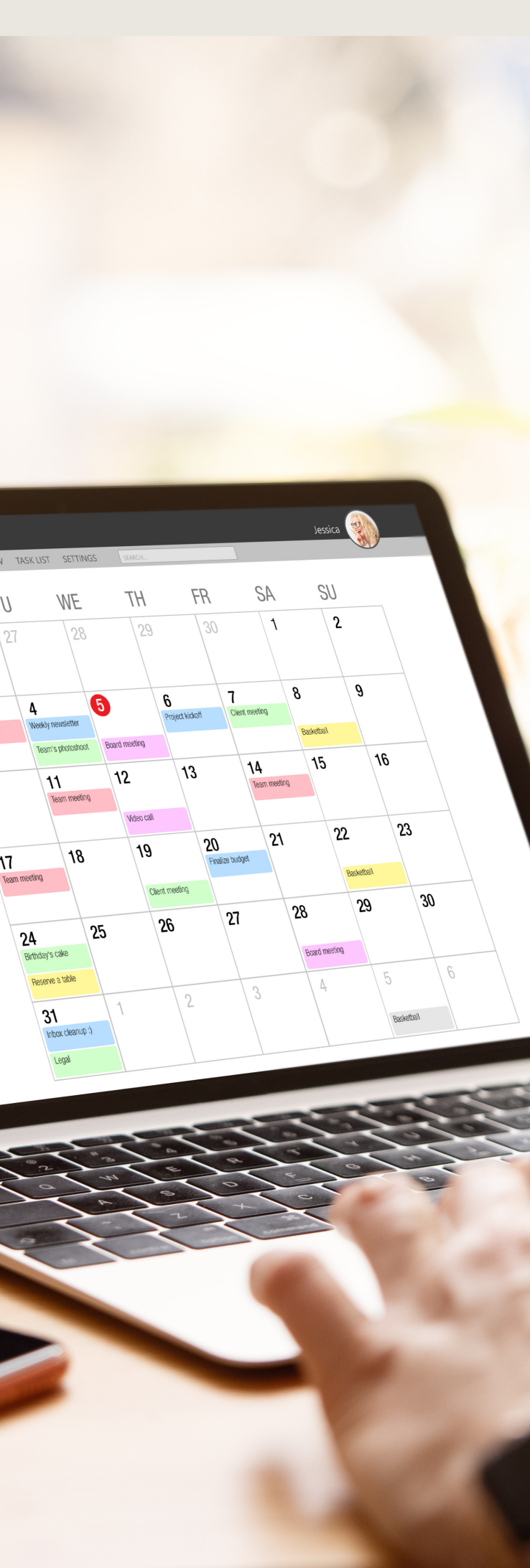
*I*n our classrooms this past month, you may have noticed some new faces at check-in, new backpacks hanging on hooks, or maybe the extra chair or two pulled up at the tables for morning work. Accotink Academy is growing and we are so happy to welcome our new families to our hallways and classrooms. Since February is the month we celebrate friendship, we thought we would take the time to acknowledge our new students and their families! Our school takes great pride in the friendships developed here. Whether between parents or the students, we as educators see the importance of the connections made and the developmental milestones that come from those connections. We hope every child and parent entering our school feels seen, welcomed, and given all the potential to thrive. We are so happy that ALL of you are here.

The Accotink Staff



“It's our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and to provide ways of developing its expression.”

-Mr. Rogers



CALENDAR NEWS

Dates to Remember

February 8th

2023-2024 In-House Registration Begins
Details on Brightwheel

February 9th

Mail Carrier Meet and Greet
Check classroom notes for details

February 10th

2023-2024 Alumni Registration Begins

February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day!

February 15th

2023-2024 Public Registration Begins

February 20th

President's Day
No School for Staff or Students

February 23rd and 24th

Dress Down Days



celebrating

BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH

today and everyday



MEET THE STAFF

KINDERGARTEN

CLASSROOM #125

MS. BERRY

Kindergarten Teacher

Ms. Berry is a seasoned teacher with over 15 years of experience! Originally from California, we have the military to thank for bringing her our way! She and her husband have two children, Anika (15) and Camden (12). This is her second year at Accotink and first year as our Kinder teacher. Her favorite part of teaching is being able to watch personalities form and grow while having the opportunity to help students build a foundation and love for school! Ms. Berry's love for travel has led to a secret talent of being an incredible landscape photographer!





CLASSROOM #127

MS. YOUNG

Lead Teacher

Ms. Young seems to wear all the hats here at Accotink! She is the Specials Lead for Music, Drama, and P.E., which means she has the joy of connecting with all of our students. Originally from Texas, she has lived all over the country as a Navy Spouse. Her 3 children attended Accotink and we have been lucky to have her with us as a teacher for two years now. Ms. Young's favorite part of teaching is watching all the new skills develop in each specials class. Her fun fact to share is that she is in her 4th year as a Girl Scout Leader! Cookies anyone?



MEET THE STAFF

SPECIALS
MUSIC, DRAMA & P.E.

MS. DICKINSON

Assistant Teacher Music, Drama and Spanish

Ms. Dickinson was previously an Occupational Therapist from South Florida before becoming a "parent-to-teacher recruit" this year! Both of her boys Will and Graham have attended Accotink and they love to gush about their Lab/Great Dane mix named Tux. When teaching, she most enjoys helping students learn in their own unique ways, as well as combining her skills in OT to adapt activities in the classroom. In her free time, she loves to spend her time in the darkroom developing film and editing pictures.

MS. YAKE

Assistant Teacher P.E. and Hall Monitor

Ms. Yake has been with Accotink Academy for 27 years! Her ability to assist in classrooms, monitor the hallways, and help run the P.E. classes is second to none. She truly loves all the students here and is quick to share that her favorite part of teaching is in fact the children themselves. Her secret talent is riding horses and running~ the secret to staying young at heart!





CLASSROOM #127

MS. CABEZAS

Lead Teacher

Ms. Cabezas has over 20 years of experience with Accotink. This is her first year back with us and we are so happy to have her teaching again. Originally from Santiago, Chile, Ms. Cabezas has one son, Ruben, who previously attended school here. Her favorite part of teaching is the ability to create fun and engaging lessons for the children. She believes that a happy and exciting, bilingual program is an excellent way for children to learn Spanish. In her free time, she loves to take walks and dance. She loves all music, especially Classical.



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SPECIALS
SPANISH

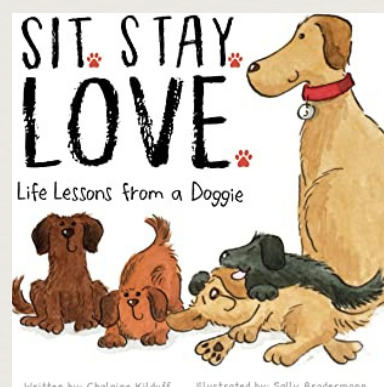
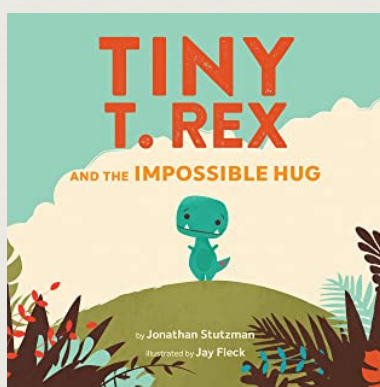
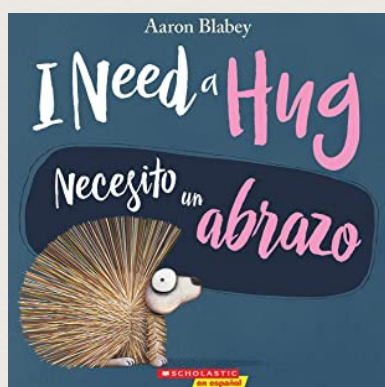
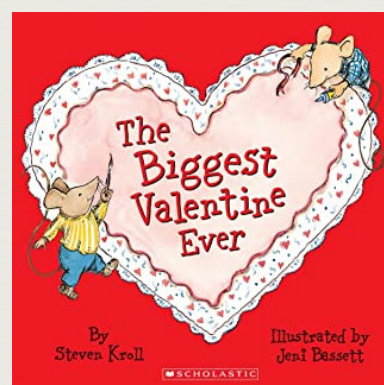
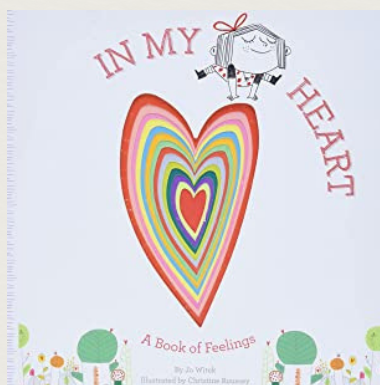
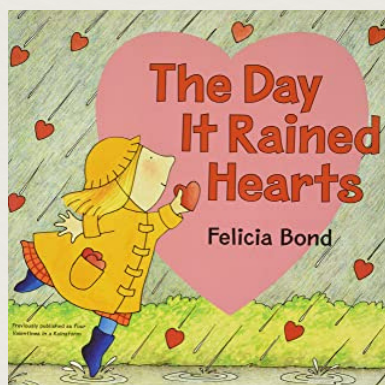
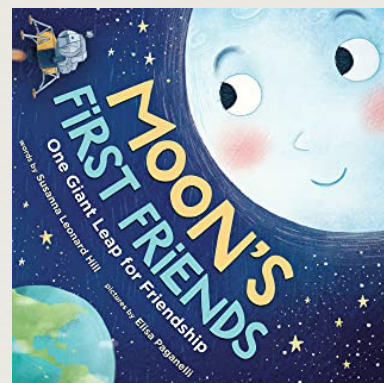
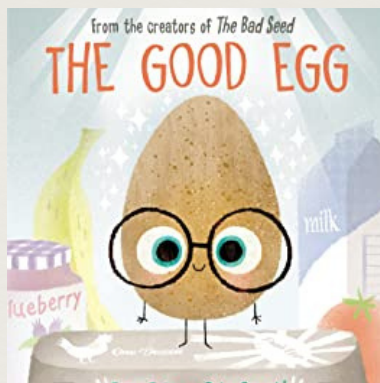


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photos are live links!

BOOK NOOK

Friendship Edition

Whether it's a basket by the couch, a shelf in your child's room, or piled up on the coffee table, books are an integral part of early childhood education. This month we are sharing some of our friendship favorites. Happy Reading!



FROM THE LUNCHBOX

**TREAT YOUR
SWEETIE TO THESE
DELICIOUS SUGAR
COOKIES!**

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Cup unsalted butter
- 1 Cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups all purpose flour

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350° F.
- Cream together butter and sugar.
- Mix in extracts and the egg.
- Add in the dry ingredients.
- Roll dough out on a floured surface, 1/4 inch in thickness and cut.
- Bake cookies for 6-8 minutes

