

THE SPOTTED SCOOP

January 2026

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to school Spotted families! I hope that everyone had a restful and rejuvenating break full of joyful memories with friends and family. In Spotted class we are eager to get back into the swing of things and have chosen to focus this week on the procedures, routines, and expectations of being a CSA student in Spotted class. We will talk about New Year's Resolutions as an achievable long term goal that we work towards a little bit each day. Then we will celebrate our goals with a NOON years celebration just after lunch. Be sure to ask your child what their new years resolution is and how they plan to reach their goal.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who supported our classroom this term through donations and volunteering your time! It wouldn't have been the same without you and you are so appreciated!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Spending this Holiday Season with your children was joyful and heartwarming all through November and December. I had so much fun singing and dancing with them. I hope you felt as proud of your Spotted student as I was during the Christmas concert! They took a giant step towards public speaking by standing on a stage in front of a huge crowd to perform their songs.

They did a great job and I can't overemphasize how proud of them I was!

Thank you so much for all of your support in making the Christmas party such a memorable and successful event! The kids all had a blast and I couldn't have done it without your help!

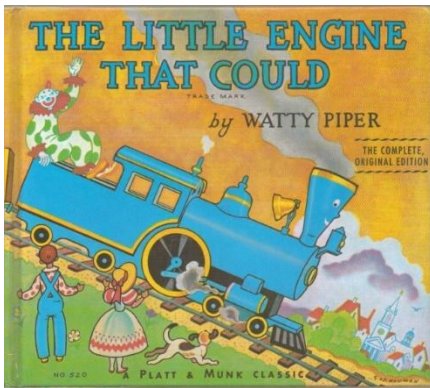
COMING UP!!!

Return to School - Monday, January 5th
Parent Council Meeting - Monday, January 12th
Rollerama Party - Friday, January 16th
MLK Day **SCHOOL IS IN SESSION**- Monday, January 19th
Valentine's Day Party - Friday, February 6th
Parent Council Meeting - Monday, February 9th
No School for Teacher PD- Friday, February 13th
No School for winter break- Monday, February 16th

CHARACTER CORNER

As we return to school we will review the procedures and routines of the Spotted class room as well as the expectations of all CSA students. We've tied this in to our new short term and big picture goals and will read many character books including *The Little Engine That Could* which is about a train who sets a lofty goal for herself but never ever gives up. Thanks to her optimistic attitude she achieves her goal and saves the day!

When students have both a growth mindset ("I think I can, I think I can, I think I can...") and a strong work ethic they can truly accomplish anything they set their minds to! Our Spotted students are really starting to show off their can-do attitudes and grow into their role as a student as we re-focus on learning and how to be a student at CSA.



WINTER IS HERE

Please continue to make sure your child is prepared to go outside with the necessary outdoor attire. If the temperature drops to 0 or below, then we will not go outside. As you know the wind chill has an effect on the temperature and if the wind chill brings the temperature down to 0 or below 0 we will NOT go outside. However, there are times when we may need to participate in a drill outside. We want to make sure they are properly dressed for the cold weather for whatever the reason we are outside.

Please be sure to label your child's items. Items often go missing and we'd like to make sure they are returned to their owners. ☺ Also, you are more than welcome to leave an extra set of winter attire at school-this includes snow pants! ☺

VALENTINE'S DAY

Spotted Students will exchange valentines at some point in early February. Valentines should be signed at home with just the student's own name in the "from" portion of the valentine. Please do not try to have your child label each of their friends' name in the "to" portion of the valentine. They have only a few moments to drop one valentine into each bag. Having to read the names and match them to the bag is too time consuming for the amount of time they have available to them.

Valentine's may or may not contain a sweet treat but the sweet treats should be peanut/tree nut free and egg free. We have 23 students participating in the valentine's exchange. Please let me know if you have any questions.



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