Welcome Back!!!

Happy New Year!!! We hope you and your loved ones had a wonderful Christmas! We sure did miss the kids! It was great to see all the students return after their break excited to see their friends and teachers. There were smiles and hugs all around. Hearing the students share their Christmas adventures, what presents Santa brought, and where they traveled to was priceless. Once all the hugs and holiday story sharing was over we got back into the grind.

Our K-2 class learned the Number 6, Diamond Shape, and the color White in both English and Armenian.

K-3 class proceeded to learn the letters Qq, Rr, Ss & Tt, number 12 and review the past 12 numbers. As well as learned the Diamond shape & color White in both Armenian & English while playing games.

K-4 class moved ahead to writing numbers 16 & 17 and letters Pp & Qq. In Both Armenian & English they learned the Diamond shape, color White and a letter from the Armenian Alphabet.

In Bible class K-2 and K-3 were read the story of Daniel. K-4 learned the story of Joseph. Bible verse: “All things work for good to those who love God”. Romans 8:28a.

Also K-4 were taught the story of Jacob and Esau. Verse: “Tell each other the truth” Zechariah 8:16b.

This month’s books during story time were “the Gingerbread Man,” “Snow,” “Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear?” & “Bear Wants More.” During the month of January we honor Martin Luther King, Jr. MLK Jr. was a civil rights activist in the 1950s &1960s. He hoped that America and the world could become a colorblind society where race would not impact a person’s civil rights. During Social Studies we sat around a circle all classes combined and were taught about MLK.

Open House

SMACS had its yearly Open House on January 22nd. The staff and board members showcased the school to not only returning parents as well as to new parents with interest in SMACS. Our Pre-School teachers were introduced and opened up their beautiful classrooms for all parents to tour. They answered any questions, reviewed the lesson plan for next year, showed us the amazing arts and crafts students have created this year through learning.

Please remember to register your child(ren) early for 2015-2016. We are currently full in our Pre-K classes!
This month we would like to get to know Mrs. Diana Kahkedjian.

**Birthplace:** Beirut, Lebanon

**Hobbies:** Organizing, Hockey, spending time with friends, trying new things, adventures, traveling and Disneyland.

**Favorite Color:** Red and Black

**Favorite Movie:** Wedding Planner

**Favorite Disney Movie:** Cinderella

**Favorite Book:** A Child Called “IT” by Dave Pelzer.

“This book inspired me to have the compassion for children.”

**Favorite Animal:** Tiger

**Three Things You Can Not Live Without:** My Bible, Water, and Work

**Favorite Part of Being at Sahag-Mesrob:** “Working at Sahag-Mesrob with the little ones has been a blessing in my life. Going to work every morning and seeing the innocent smiles of the children in the class uplifts my worst day!”

**Who is your inspiration and why?** My inspiration is Debbie Afsharian. She loves our God and lives for God and not for man. She’s been my mentor and inspiration to live a life that glorifies only God. Honestly, life without God in it is a life that’s dead. What is it if running after vanity, getting your happiness and fulfillment through those things, then all of a sudden they are gone? Nothing! But with God it’s everything. He is your only joy that fulfills your heart.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** “Seek first the kingdom and its righteousness, and all these things will be given to you.” Matthew 6:33.

That’s a promise that will never be broken.

*The parents who donate their time and energy to make sure our staff and kids are taken care of.*

*The parents bringing in the recyclables to the Home Room Moms that take the recyclables to the recycling center.*

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**A Special Thank You!!**

On behalf of the Pre-School we would like to thank:

* Mr. & Mrs. Garen Kazanjian for donating 3 new tricycles to our pre-school.
* The Djingeuzian Family for donating an art easel.
* Our Home Room Moms for donating all the ice cream and fixings for the class Box Tops Rewards Party.
* Our anonymous donors who wish to stay anonymous

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K-4A Jonathan Kertenian, Jonathan Kazanjian, & Connor testing out the new tricycles that were donated by Mr. & Mrs. Kazanjian
**Baking day**

We love to bake around here!!
We started this year with baking Ginger Bread Cookies!
Each student had their own cookie and had a great time decorating it! And of course their favorite part was eating the cookie! There were quite a bit of armless and legless Ginger Bread men, but before you knew it there was no Ginger Bread man at all!!

Pictures Below!!

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**Christmas Break**

Last month we asked our readers to share with us what your family did during the Christmas break.
Below are the photos that were sent in by our parents.
Thank you to all the parents and students that shared their photos with us.

Pictures Below!!!

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**Snow Day**

Just because it doesn’t snow at SMACS doesn’t mean we can’t make it!! And it is easy as 1, 2, 3!! We got special powder, added water, and mixed it up!!
The mixture started to rise and before we knew it we had snow!! The kids were so happy squishing it, building snowmen & shapes they definitely had a blast!!

Pictures Below!!

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**January Birthdays**

K2- Antranik Douzadjian
Patil Ghokassian
Mila Ovsepyan

K3- Khloe Djingeuzian

K4A- Alina Agojian
Connor Matossian

K4B- Steven Kouladjian

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**100th Day of School**

Tuesday February 27th marked our 100th day of school!!
Our students participated by dressing up as 100 year olds and were served soup for lunch.
The pre-school kids made hats and learned the meaning of the 100th day of school.
The were taught about the number 100 by playing activities that related to 100. Counting, sorting, and singing are just a few of the tools the teacher used to teach about the number 100.
Below are pictures of our pre-school kids fast forwarding 95 plus years!!
And their skin looks amazing!

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**Upcoming Events**

* **Thursday, February 12**
  Vartanants Program (in school)

* **Friday, February 13**
  Vartanants- Observed No School

* **Monday February 16**
  Presidents’ Day- No School

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**Reminder to Parents**

* “Early Bird” Registration Fee is $525 if paid in FULL by March 27th.
* We are still collecting Box Tops! Please keep them coming!!
* We are still recycling cans, bottles and any other recyclable item you have at home.

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* Winter is here and with it brings the flu and cold season. Please keep your child at home to rest if he/she has any cold or flu symptoms.

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The girls using the computer as a learning tool....

...And now it’s the boys’ turn....

...Together they learn!!!
Mrs. Dalita and her class playing in snow!!
Mrs. Lara and her class playing with snow!!

Above and Below Picture: K-4A mixing up the snow!!

Mrs. Lucy and her class playing with snow!!
Mrs. Lara’s class playing with snow!!

The laughter on their faces is what happiness is about!!
Mrs. Dalita’s K-3 Class learned about hibernation and the season of winter. The class made little houses out of graham crackers, chocolate, and used animal crackers for the bears.
Mrs. Seta’s K-4B class coloring during arts & crafts

Mrs. Seta’s K-4B class crafting their 100th Day of School hats

Pre-K kids out playing on the playground... But it seems like Miss Diana and Connor are having a serious discussion... Possibly debating over which cookie tastes better... chocolate chip or sugar cookie?

Mrs. Lara’s K-2 class making snowflakes during arts & crafts
K-2 Joslyn Panossian and her family ice skating.

K-4 and K-3 brothers Jonathan and Jason Kertenian ready to party into 2015!!

Khloe, John, and Luis from K-3 holding hands and singing through the mall

Isaac from K-2 and Luis from K-3 celebrating Isaac’s 2nd Birthday!
Isaac from K-2 explaining to Santa what he wants for Christmas!!

Jonathan from K-4A loves Christmas time!

Aren K-3 playing with his cousin Athena's Christmas gift. Aren wanted his gift but had mixed feelings about Santa.

Khloe, John, and Luis from K-3 hanging out during Christmas Break.
100th Day of School

Our K-4 100 year old preschoolers!!

Mrs. Maral & her son Aram showing their school spirit

Mrs. Seta’s K-4B Class

Mrs. Lucy’s K-4A Class
Mrs. Lucy’s K4-A Class

I survived a 100 days of school

Above: Mrs. Seta’s K4-B Class

Mrs. Lara’s and Mrs. Lucy’s K2 Class
Valya & Addison

Sevag, Khloe & Joseph

Talar, Nshan & Johnny

Jason, Rimon & Luis

100 Days

The 100th Day of School
Mrs. Dalita, Mrs. Silva and the PreK-3 Class

K-3 Grandpas Sevag, Rimon, & Joseph catching up on the current events

Joseph, Valya, Sevag, & Rimon
Earlier in the year we started collecting Box Tops. Our Pre-School class collected over 250 Box Tops!! For their hard work all Pre-K classes were treated to ice cream!!

Mrs. Seta and Mrs. Nicky with the Pre-K4B Class
Above: Mrs. Dalita’s K-3 class baking cookies.

Left: Mrs. Lara’s Class taking a trip to the kitchen to bake their cookies.

Bottom Left: K-2 ready to bake.

Bottom Right: K-2 preparing to bake.