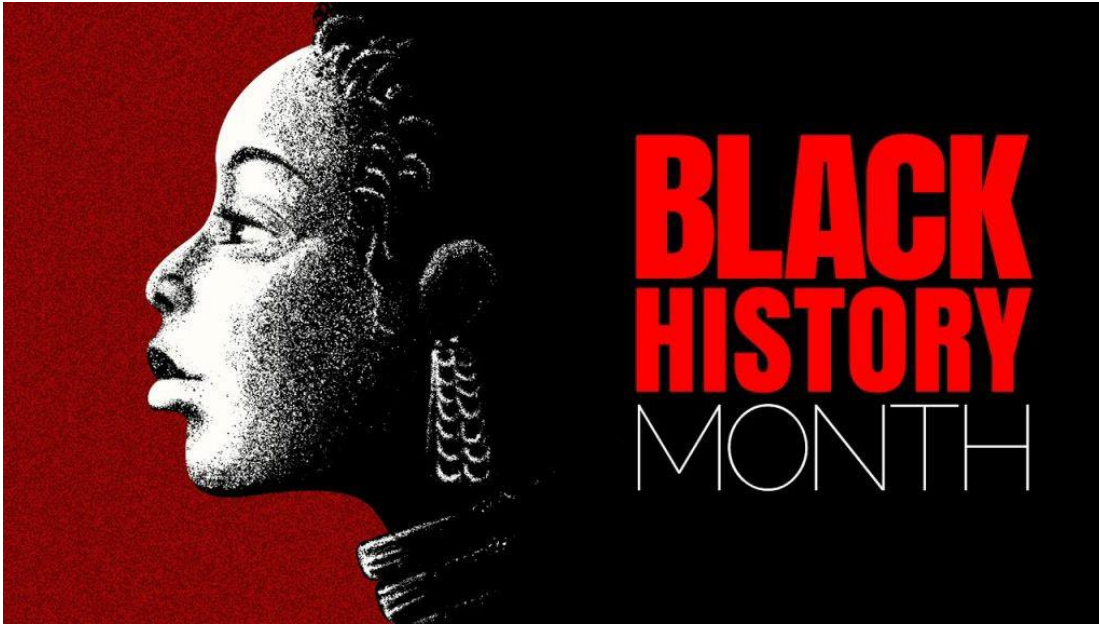


# KidzStuff Alameda News

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*"When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid." ~ Audre Lorde*

## InvestiGators

### CLASSROOM C & D

January brought us a beautiful winter wonderland. Our friends had fun building snowmen and making homemade ice cream from the snow. We made our own version of "My Country is Winter" sculpture by the Canadian Snow Sculpture team, 2005. Creating these memories will last a lifetime!

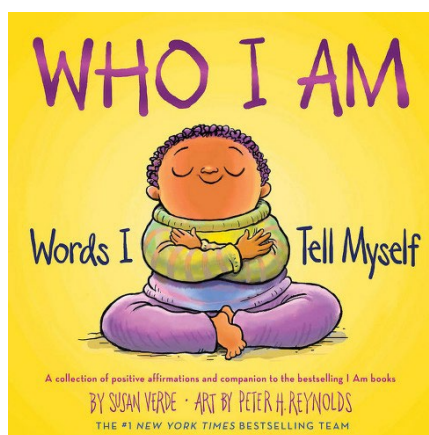
What a time we had last month getting physically active with Manny Salamander. He taught us rhyming words and how to take turns. Our favorite activity was creating our own rhymes to the tune of "Down by the Bay."

The InvestiGators learned about the Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep. The lesson taught us how we sometimes get lost and should always listen to the voice of the Good Shepard.

This month our friends will meet Chuck Wood, he is one of Dilly Gator's best friends. Chuck Wood will teach the InvestiGators all about safety and how to be handy. Just like all our friends,

Chuck Wood loves Superheroes. This month we will learn directional and positional words like around, through, under, over, outside, and inside.

Our sight words this month are *it, for, you, big, see, and the*. This month's book recommendation is, "*Who Am I*" by Susan Verde.



Please look at the red board for HBCU week participation.

### Announcements & Updates

----- FOR ALL FAMILIES

#### Scholarship Payments

Parents you **MUST** complete the bi-weekly attendance reporting in the family portal to maintain your child's scholarship. If the Scholarship does not pay your financial account will transition to a full tuition account. The link is below:

[https://family.childcareportals.org/s/?language=en\\_US](https://family.childcareportals.org/s/?language=en_US).

#### Inclement Weather Closures

Unless otherwise stated KidzStuff will follow the Baltimore City Public Schools delays and/or closure decisions due to inclement weather. Please be sure we have your current email address and telephone number on file in order to receive notifications in real time.

If you are not on our email list or in the Bright Wheel System, please see our administrative assistant to begin receiving center notifications.

#### Masking

For the safety of our staff and families we will continue wearing masks. We **DO NOT** have any mask on sight to provide for families.





*"Never be limited by other people's limited imagination" ~Dr. Mae Jemison*

## Infant/Toddler & Twos Classrooms

### Little InvestiGators and InvestiGator Tots

#### ----- CLASSROOMS A - C

The new face you see in the Two-year-old room is the face of our new Two-year-old teacher, Ms. Amber. She comes to KidzStuff Alameda with previous early childhood education experience. Ms. Amber understands how important it is to provide excellent educational experiences for our friends in a nurturing environment. Please help us make her feel welcome here at KidzStuff.

We are trying something new with the curriculum in our Infant/Toddler & Two-year-old rooms. Please ask your child's teacher about the routine, outdoor, and play space activities they have been assigned for the month.

You can mimic the activities at home as they are easy to recreate. Watch your child's progress and communicate what you observe with your child's teacher.

If you have not already done so, please complete your three-month Individual Care Plan and return it to your child's teacher.

Our two-year-old friends are working on potty training, please begin dressing them in regular undershirts.

Please look at the red board for HBCU week participation.

## Important Dates for December

### ----- ALL FAMILIES

February 2, 2024

Groundhog's Day

February 12-16, 2024

HBCU Sprit Week

February 14, 2024

Valentine's Day

February 15, 2024

Black History Program  
Traveling Back to the Civic Club

February 19, 2024

President's Day  
(Closed)

February 29, 2024

100<sup>th</sup> Day of School



## School Age Friends

### Classrooms E



#### ----- MS. DARLENE

Thank you for remembering to call the center when your child does not need to be picked up, it saves lots of time from being wasted and unnecessary trips to schools when children are not in attendance.

All School Aged friends need 10 masks a week inside of a Ziplock bag to be held in their cubby for afterschool services.

The classrooms are in need of tissue and hand sanitizer donations for the cold and germ months.

Please don't forget your child needs a weather appropriate change of clothing in his/her cubby for incidentals.

School aged friends can participate in our HBCU week during after school programming.

The classroom's Valentine's Day Party will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see Ms. Darlene for details.