

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Greetings District Partners!

As we move into February, we're excited to dive into our Quarter 3 curriculum with our students. We want to take a moment to express our gratitude for your continuous support and assistance with our program.

Thank you!

## Summary of Quarter 3

### Drama: Tales from Australia and New Zealand

The folktales of Australia and New Zealand are rich in history and entertainment, and we're going to explore many of them in this series of activities, culminating in a live performance of three plays collaboratively produced by the students. Throughout our drama workshop, we'll help foster teamwork, build self-esteem, and develop public speaking skills through imaginative play and scripted acting activities

### Nigeria

Our partners at Little Global Citizens are taking us on a guided tour to the beautiful land of Nigeria. This expedition is chock full of authentic information from Nigerian children's book author and cultural ambassador, Ifeoma Onyefulu. Together, we will explore traditional and modern Nigerian culture through crafts, language, and games. We are excited for our inaugural partnership with Little Global Citizen, a winner of Mom's Choice Gold Award for best educational tool.

### Cricket 101

Have you ever heard of a sport called cricket? Strange how few Americans know what cricket is, since it's considered to be the second most-loved sport in the world behind soccer. Played in more than 180 countries and existing for more than 200 years, cricket is followed by 2.5 billion people!

### Liftoff: Rockets and Rovers

3...2...1...Blast off! We can't wait to introduce our explorers to this aerospace engineering expedition from the Boston Museum of Science. We're going to experiment with several unique variables as we design and engineer rockets, rovers and more that students will send into the air with a stomp launcher. As we go, the students will also learn about the International Space Station, the work that aerospace engineers are doing at NASA and other aerospace-related information.

### Bloxels Discovery

Video games are part of life, but they're so much more fun when we can make them ourselves! With the Bloxels game and app, our explorers will enter the world of video game design! As the students learn how to create and manipulate pixel art, they will craft heroes, enemies, level layouts and more! This exciting series is designed to guide video game architects in asset animation and art design. Students will share their adventures with their friends on a celebratory gameday when their video game is complete!



## Reminders

**Attire:** Please ensure your child is prepared for the cold weather by bringing a coat.

**Absences:** If your child is not going to attend AlphaBEST, please communicate that to the Site Director and the school staff. We greatly appreciate it!

**Delays or School Closing:** Our families will receive a Remind message regarding any changes in our program due to weather.

**Medication:** Should your child need medication while in our care. Please complete the AlphaBEST Medication Authorization form as well as bring in your child's medication in its original container with their name and prescription.

**EzChild Track Account:** Please update your contacts and emergency contact information.

## February Important Dates:

**Tuition Due:** Monday, 2/5

**Early Release Day:** Friday, 2/16

**School Closure:** Monday, 2/19

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