



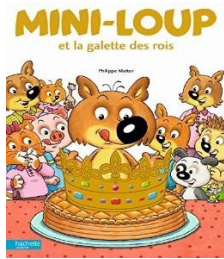
## January Newsletter

**Welcome Back and Happy New Year!** We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and relaxation. As we enter the new year, we're excited to embark on another semester filled with learning, creativity, and growth.



### Important Dates:

- **January 2:** Classes resume
- **January 15:** 100 days of school. We are excited to celebrate the 100th day of school, a special milestone for our students! This day will be filled with fun and educational activities focused on the number 100, highlighting the progress we've made this year. Stay tuned for more details about how your child can participate in the festivities!
- **January 20:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day (**school closed**)



### La Galette des rois (French king cake)

In France, *la galette des rois* is traditionally enjoyed with family on the first Sunday after New Year's Day, celebrating Epiphany on January 6th. However, it is often shared throughout the entire month of January as part of the festive season.

At La Maternelle French Academy, we take pride in bringing this French tradition to our students, thanks to Houston's rich diversity. This year, we are excited to make a small change: instead of the traditional *galette des rois*, we will be sharing a *brioche des rois*.

We will celebrate together and enjoy the *brioche des rois* on **Monday, January 6th**.

If you'd like to bring this tradition home, you can find *galettes* and *brioches des rois* at several locations in Houston, including Central Market, Phoenicia, Magnol, French Gourmet Bakery, La Tartine, Flo Paris, Chez Kobayashi, Bonjour Café (we ordered our Brioches des Rois with them) and more. For additional details, visit: [Where to Find Galettes des Rois in Texas](#).

Let's look forward to a sweet start to the new year



### January Birthdays:

This month we celebrate the following birthdays: Senna, Genna, Kai, Miss Veronique, Miss Genevieve and Miss Marie. Happy Birthday to all our January celebrants!



Don't Forget!

### Reminders:

- Please send your child with a jacket, hat, and gloves as we will continue outdoor play (weather permitting).
- Label all personal items to ensure they make it back home.
- Keep an eye out for any teacher recommendation forms or progress report requests you may need for upcoming school applications.



**Spotlight on Resolutions:** We're encouraging the children to think about goals for the new year, like being kind to friends, helping at home, or trying new foods. Ask your child about their resolutions!



## Parent Corner:

Our library continues to be a great resource for families. Feel free to borrow a book and expand your French reading collection. If you need a borrowing form, let us know!



## Important Product Safety Recalls

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has announced new product recalls to help ensure consumer safety. Please review the following items and check if they affect your household.

- **Yoto Mini Speakers:** Risk of burn and fire hazards. A new full battery replacement kit is now available.
- **HTRC C240 Battery Chargers:** Risk of fire, burn hazards, and serious injury.
- **Stanley Switchback and Trigger Action Travel Mugs:** Over 2.6 million mugs recalled due to burn hazards.
- **Mr. Christmas Wireless Decorative Tree Light Controllers:** Fire hazard concerns.
- **Touch of Class Wall Teester Bed Crowns:** Risk of injury.
- **Savvy Rest Quilted Cotton Mattress Pads:** Fire hazard and violation of flammability standards.
- **Empower Brands Power XL Dual Basket Air Fryers:** Burn hazard issues.

For additional details, including photos and instructions, visit [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

Your safety is our priority, please take the time to review these recalls and take necessary action.



**Looking Ahead:**

February brings Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras and our annual celebration of friendship. More details to come in the next newsletter.



**Thank You!**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our parents for your kindness, flexibility, trust, and unwavering support. Your partnership means the world to us. Here's to a fantastic new year filled with joy and success for everyone!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education journey. Together, we can inspire greatness and empower our students to reach for the stars. Wishing you a splendid year filled with growth, laughter, and endless possibilities!

