



MONTESSORI LEARNING FOR LIVING
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MONTESSORI MONITOR

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Driveway Safety

We are now in the season of inclement weather, here is a friendly reminder of the driveway rules. Driveway service times are 8:50-9:10, 12:50-1:10, and 3:20-3:40. For safety reasons, please have your child's car seat on the passenger side of the vehicle. If this is not possible, your child needs to be able to unbuckle their car seat without assistance and exit from the passenger side of the vehicle. We need to have the children entering and exiting on that side of your vehicle, so that they aren't walking between the cars. Also it is important for you to remain in your car. This helps to keep the driveway flowing and eliminate a back up on the very busy street. Please pull up as far as you can to allow other cars to enter the circular driveway. If you need to get out of your vehicle for any reason, please use the parking lot instead. We kindly ask that you observe these rules for the safety of all at Montessori.

HOLIDAY BREAK

School will be closed
Friday, Dec. 22—Friday, Jan. 5

Flu Season Is Here

Please be sure your child has **no symptoms** of cold or flu before coming to school every morning. We want to **share JOY** this Holiday Season not GERMS!



PARENTS, YOU'RE INVITED!!!

Our annual **Holiday Parent Open House** will be

December 19 & 20 (Tuesday & Wednesday) from 9:00 to 10:30.

Please come on a day your child usually attends school. This special time is a great opportunity to spend some one-on-one time with your child in his or her Montessori school environment. **We kindly ask that siblings not attend** (tiny babies in arms or Snuggly okay- no strollers, please)

Please come to only **one** of the Parent's Day times, so that we can more comfortably accommodate all of the families. If your child is in school for more than one of these special days, the teachers will be helping with projects and activities as usual. RSVP by using the attached form, so we know to expect you.

COTTAGE CHATTER

The children have been enjoying all of the fall projects that are out on the shelves. Now that the colder weather is upon us, we will be replacing the fall projects with festive winter activities. For example our snowman project will teach numbers and in our Practical Life area, colored buttons help us practice fine motor skills.

December is a time for fun. We will enjoy various art projects, songs and finger plays, and read special books at story time. We hope to see all of our parents at the Holiday Open House. Come have fun with us!



HOUSE HAPPENINGS



Practical Life with Ms. Cheryl

In December we will continue with our silver polishing. If you have any pieces of silver at home that are in need of some polishing, please bring them in and let us make them shine. We will also be working on napkin folding and table place setting jobs. We will be learning some holiday songs and traditions from different countries to help welcome the holiday spirit into our classroom.

Science and Geography With Ms. Valerie

December will be great fun with learning all about Europe and its wonderful holiday traditions and colorful flags.

*Santa note: If you want to make your little vexillologist (a person who studies flags) smile on Christmas morning, how about a book on flags of the world, or a box of straws and a package of "sticky stars" under your Christmas tree?

Math and Language with

Ms. Lisa and Ms. Amber

The children will be doing a lot of counting this month, focusing on counting thru the teen numbers. The children will also be building tens with the Positive Snake Game (adding up a large quantity and simplifying it by counting by tens).

In language, we continue to review and reinforce the sounds (letters) that have been introduced, along with the introduction of c, u, p, and j. We continue to practice the isolation of sounds, which leads to word building. Some children are building words phonetically therefore, they may be spelled incorrectly (i.e. ladybug may be spelled lad**e**bug). Please keep in mind that your child may not be able to read these words back to you. The focus of word building is isolating each sound they hear in the word, and finding the letter that makes that sound in the moveable alphabet box.



Holiday Parent Open House

Our intention for creating this special day for you and your child is for you to share the experience of being immersed in the magic of the Montessori classroom. The children have pride in keeping a peaceful classroom throughout the year by staying busy, choosing projects, using walking feet, and inside voices. To make the most of this time with your child, Please:

- * Be aware of your movements and voice level during the work time.
- * Allow your child to be your guide and teacher.
- * Keep your attention on your child.
- * Silence your cell phone. If you need to take a call, please step outside.
- * Wear comfortable clothing, as you will be sitting on the floor.



PLEASE SEND BACK THIS RESPONSE FORM A.S.A.P.

Child's Name _____

Number of adults attending _____

Please check the date and time you will attend:

"Cottage"

___ 9:00—10:30 Tuesday

___ 9:00—10:30 Wednesday

"House"

___ 9:00—10:30 Tuesday

___ 9:00-10:30 Wednesday

