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MONTESSORI MONITOR JANUARY 2018

JANUARY CALENDAR

Fri. Dec. 22—Fri. Jan. 5—No school
Mon., Jan. 8 —Back to school
Mon., Jan. 15—No school, MLK Day
Tue., Jan 23 -In House enrollment begins

THANK
YOU!

Many thanks to all who have or will attend our December Parent's Days. The children always enjoy your presence and participation on that very special school day.

TUITION EXTENSION

Because we do not return from the Holidays until January 8 the grace period for paying your tuition has been extended until **Wednesday, January 10.**

JACKETS

On these chilly days it is very important the children all have jackets to wear during outside playtime. Please send a *labeled* jacket to school everyday—even if your child refuses to wear it. We are usually able to get the children to put them on.

2018-19 REGISTRATION BEGINS

If you will be re-enrolling your child for next fall or enrolling a younger sibling, you may find the REGISTRATION FORM, ADMISSION AGREEMENT, and EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM on our website, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 23

Please fill out and return ALL THREE forms along with the \$250 ANNUAL REGISTRATION

FEE by Friday, February 16. Beginning Feb. 27, we will open enrollment to the families on our waiting list, so don't delay.

We cannot guarantee placement for your child unless we have received your completed Registration Form, Admission Agreement, Emergency Contact Form, and annual registration fee by February 16.

Cottage Chatter

After the holidays, the children will be getting back into the swing of things and enjoying their school friends again. During January, we will talk about winter and study animal hibernation. We will also learn about the weather at this time of year, such as snow, frost, rain, and the colder temperatures. If your child has a book pertaining to any of these topics, s/he is more than welcome to bring it in for sharing. This is also a perfect time for the children to practice becoming more self-sufficient. i.e. putting on their jackets and sweaters, which may include snapping, zipping, buttoning, etc.

We will also introduce the letters "m" and "b" and begin matching their sounds to objects. During the first two weeks of January, we will concentrate on the "m" sound. In the second half of January, we will work on the letter "b". We hope you will encourage your child to bring in objects with the sound we are working on for the week.

HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Science and Geography With Ms. Valerie:

It's "W" month in the Geography/Science room: Whales and Weather are a few of many wonderful things about the arctic and Antarctic (especially our friends the penguins). We may also meet a snowman or two.

In Geography, we will begin the study of the continent of Asia. It's going to be a great start to the new year! Keep a watchful eye out for some beautiful rainbows that we will be learning more about.

Math and Language with Ms. Lisa and Ms. Amber

This month, we will be exploring the concept of subtraction. We will use a variety of manipulatives to do this. We also continue to work on numeral and quantity association. The golden bead material will be introduced, too. (It is one of our favorite math projects!)

In language, we continue to work on sound discrimination. We will focus on the short vowel sounds during the month of January.

Practical Life with Ms. Cheryl:

In January we will be working with the knob cylinders. This sensorial material helps the child see and feel different dimensions. There are four cylinder sets. The first one differing only in height, the second in cross section, the third in height and cross section, while the fourth increases in cross section and decreases in height. The children love working with these cylinders and holding them by the knob is a preparation for writing. We will also be preparing warm toast and politely serving it to our friends in the Practical Life room.

