

MONTESSORI LEARNING FOR LIVING PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN  
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## MONTESSORI MONITOR JANUARY 2019



### JANUARY CALENDAR

Fri. Dec. 21—Fri. Jan. 4—No school  
Mon., Jan. 7 —Back to school  
Mon., Jan. 21—No school, MLK Day  
Tue., Jan 22 -In House enrollment begins

### Parent Teacher Phone Conferences with Ms. Lisa (House) and Ms. Denise (Cottage)

We are offering you the opportunity to sign up for a parent teacher phone conference with Ms. Lisa or Ms. Denise.

**Ms. Lisa (House Children)** Conference dates will be Jan. 16, 23, 30. Ms. Lisa is available from 1:30-3:45 with 15 minute increments for conferences.

**Ms. Denise (Cottage Children)** conference dates will be Jan. 17 & 18 (Thursday & Friday) from 1:30-3:00 with a 15 minute conference. If you are interested in signing up for a conference please email Lisa at Lisa@montessorilearningforliving.org She will be happy to schedule a conference time for you.

### SPARE CLOTHES

The weather has grown colder, and we want your child to stay warm, even in the event of an accident. Please check to be sure your child has the appropriate spare set of clothes here at school. Just in case....

### 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.

### 2019-20

### 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. 22.

Please fill out and **return ALL THREE forms along with the \$250 ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE** by Friday, February 15. Beginning Feb. 25, we will open enrollment to the families on our waiting list, so don't delay.

### TUITION EXTENSION

Because we do not return from the Holidays until January 7, the grace period for paying your tuition has been extended until **Thursday, January 10**.

# 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 "r" and "t" and begin matching their sounds to objects. During the first two weeks of January, we will concentrate on the "r" sound. In the second half of January, we will work on the letter "t". We hope you will encourage your child to bring in objects with the sound that 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. Maritza**

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 practicing our "polite manners" in practical life by preparing and serving toast to our classmates, as well as helping a friend with putting on their jacket.

