

November 2018 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

November 2 early out, school dismisses at 12:10

November 12 Veteran's Day program (schoolwide)

November 16 book orders due (online code GT7F3)

November 22nd and 23rd (no school: Thanksgiving Holiday)

November 30 no school: teacher work day

It was really nice talking with you about your child's progress during parent/teacher conferences. It is not too late. If you missed your conference, please contact me to reschedule.

Thank you, if you check your child's binder every week and sign and return papers!

Some School Bus Safety-Evacuation forms and Student/Parent Handbook forms still need to be returned. If your child has one or both of these forms in their green binder, please sign and return on Monday.

The weather is ever changing so please make sure your child is dressed for the weather.

Remember to replenish the extra clothing in the backpack if they have been used.

In October we harvested carrots, pumpkins, a few small potatoes and the last of the tomatoes. Our garden is now ready for its winter rest.

We have enjoyed carrot sticks for snack a couple of times. We are hoping to try roasted carrots and pumpkin in November.

Look for pictures on our website. Go to: Learning, CH House, dropdown with Room 313, Oak, Ms. Enerson.

Thank you for helping us in all the above mentioned items.

There is more news on the back! 😊

Our Montessori Classroom

Practical Life; a vital part of Children's House, helps a child develop independence, coordination, concentration and order. Our Montessori classroom is a prepared environment where children have the opportunity to perform activities which occur in typical daily life. We have dressing frames with which to learn and practice the skills of buttoning, zipping, snapping, tying and more. On the practical life shelves there are activities for grasping objects with fingers and with tongs. Children are shown materials which help them learn to pour both dry and wet ingredients. Many of these activities also help the children develop the pincer grip which is so important for learning the correct way to hold a crayon or pencil.

Another aspect of practical life is care of the environment. The children use brooms for sweeping crumbs from tables and floors (two different brooms). Activities in this area also include learning how to fold cloths, dust shelves, sew, and prepare and cook food.

Children complete the practical life tasks as many times as they need to, until they are satisfied that they have mastered it. After that, they do it because they like to!

The repeated, practice of these and other practical life activities help children develop the important skills of independence, concentration, coordination and order.

Look for more information about our Montessori Classroom in next month's newsletter.

Sincerely,

Ms. Enerson

Oak Classroom (Room 313)

