

December 2018 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

December 7th – Family Learning Discoveries

December 24th – January 1st no school – Holiday Break

January 2nd – school resumes

Cold weather is upon us, once again. Please help your child remember to wear the appropriate clothing for going outside (hat, mittens, jacket, snow pants and boots).

Thank you to everyone who is checking their child's binder each week. This is a great way to help your child realize that **what they do in school is important.**

As part of our study on the lifecycle and parts of a pumpkin, the kindergarteners made a 'made from scratch' pumpkin pie and fresh whipped cream. One of the children observed that, "This is better than the pie from the store." You can see some of the photos on our web site.

Ask your child if he or she can name something they did in practical life, sensorial, math, language, science or social studies. There is a broad range of learning opportunities in a Montessori classroom. Hopefully your child will be able to tell you some of what they do each day.

Have a wonderful winter break. I hope you can get outdoors and enjoy some fun in the snow, with your children!

There is more news on the back! 😊

Our Montessori Classroom

Sensorial: Maria Montessori believed that all things come into the mind through the senses. We have a wonderful area, in our classroom, which focuses on things the children can explore and learn through the senses. Maria Montessori created special sensorial materials for children between the ages of three and six. The sensorial materials and activities help the children classify the information which they receive through the senses.

Here are examples of some of the materials:

The Pink Tower, Red Rods and Knobbed Cylinders help children discriminate, visually, the difference in dimension, with length and size.

The sense of touch is explored through materials such as the Touch Tablets (rough to smooth) and Feel Fabrics.

We have smelling bottles to help discriminate between smells and sound cylinders to enhance our sense of hearing.

These are only a few of the materials the children can explore and learn with.

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

Sincerely,

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