

December 2019 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

December 6th early release day

December 6th Family Learning Discoveries Night 5:00 – 6:30

December 23rd January 1st no school – Holiday Break

January 2nd school resumes

We go outside, often, even during the winter. Please help your child remember to wear the appropriate clothing for going outside (hat, mittens, jacket, snow pants and boots). Today three children had to remain on the sidewalk, because of not having the appropriate clothing, while the rest of the children walked in the snow to look at beautiful frost and interesting animal tracks. This is an important part of our experience at NDMA. It is wonderful when they all can participate.

Please, also, make sure your child has inside shoes. If you have a pair, they can leave at school, that will be helpful.

This month we will be learning the virtues of peacefulness, joyfulness and kindness. Please find time to discuss these virtues with your children and help them to find ways to incorporate these virtues into their day.

At the end of the day, I ask the children to tell me one thing they liked about the day. I hope they are sharing at least one thing with you, as well.

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.

This is a wonderful time of the year for you to help your child explore the world through sensory perception. A few activities (experiences) which come to mind are: looking at and touching snow and frost or hearing the crunch of snow beneath your boots, looking at the evening sky, smelling the clean, crisp air, feeling the sharpness or softness of an evergreen tree, tasting traditional foods (your families or another culture's). I hope you find time to enjoy these activities and many more during the upcoming months. Remember, many of these activities are low or no cost and the benefit is priceless.

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

Sincerely,

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