



"He who is served is limited in his independence" Maria Montessori

Dear Parents,

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January is the most wonderful time of the year in the Montessori classroom. The excitement of the holidays has passed, and the children are craving a steady routine. They are at home in their Montessori environment and can easily access work and observe their own progress. They gain skills and confidence as they master specific works and become deeply engrossed in their lessons.



You will be hearing about our focus on core Montessori math and language works over the following weeks, as we set the patterns for progress during this rich time. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this process.

CONTINENT STUDY In February we will begin a school wide study of Africa! This year we are grateful to have Sadiki's family with us to help us learn about this amazing place from a personal perspective. Do you have knowledge or experience about Africa that you would be willing to share? If so, please let us know as we will be richer for your contributions!

SNOWFLAKE WALL In the last days before our winter break families from Garden City donated well over \$1000 in merchandise and support for others. Parents, your generosity is astounding! Thanks to every one of you who gave, money, resources, or time to this effort!

FALL ENROLLMENT Enrollment for the 2019 - 2020 school year has begun and we are experiencing more calls than we have, previously. Our wish is that each child who is enrolled this year will be able to return in the fall. To that end, our first priority is completing the enrollment process for those families who plan to return. You will soon find a 2019-20 Re-enrollment Planning Form and in your parent box. Please complete and return this as soon as possible. We will give priority enrollment for returning families who complete the enrollment process by March 1st. After the 1st enrollment spots will be open to new families as well, and filled on a first come, first served basis.

ELEMENTARY LUNCHEON - January 30th This is the event to attend to see the "nuts and bolts" of Elementary Montessori. It is designed to celebrate the accomplishments of our current students and give you an understanding of what your child would gain by being part of our program. Even if your current plan is to move elsewhere for elementary, this event will send you away informed about what Montessori really offers.

WINTER CLOTHING AND COAT ROOM NEATNESS We are definitely in the winter swing, and the children are getting very good at bundling up for recess. Now we need your assistance to keep the coat room neat and clean. As you arrive for pick-up each day, please ask your child to check for their hat, mittens, boots, coat and snow pants. When you pick your child up after school, please help your child place boots, mittens, and hat ON TOP OF THE BENCH. This organizes the coat room and allows our cleaning person to vacuum easily. Thank you for helping us keep your child prepared for winter and our coat room more beautiful!

3 DETAILS Montessori is famous for having details in place to help the children be independent and successful in their work. Here are 3 details we need your help with. Please keep a water bottle, with your child's name written ON TOP, in their classroom, and be sure to wash it weekly! Please put a "napkin" (cloth cut to 10" x 12") in their lunch each day. Please do not send high sugar or candy items to school with lunches and be sure their lunch includes protein. It makes your child's afternoon so much more productive. Thanks and let us know if you have any questions!

UPCOMING EVENTS MLK Day ... Monday, 1/21 Elementary Open House for Fall Enrollment ... Wednesday, 1/23
Elementary Luncheon ... Wednesday, 1/30