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November 2023

Key Dates in November

- **November 1st**—Tuition Due
- **November 1st**– In-Service Day– No Class
- **November 1st & 4th**– Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- **November 8th**– Yoga
- **November 15th**– Yoga
- **November 17th**– Scholastic Orders Due
- **November 20th**– Thanksgiving celebration–NO EXTENDED DAY
- **November 21st– 24th**– Thanksgiving Recess– NO SCHOOL
- **November 27th**–Class Resumes following break
- **November 29th**– Yoga

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Tidbits From The Teachers



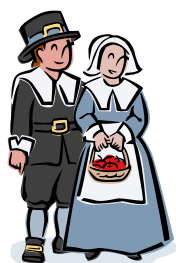
We will begin making our continent maps and some of our older children have moved on to their maps of North America. Its such a delight to hear our youngest children randomly singing the continent song during the class day. If you are not familiar with the Montessori continent song, just google it. You can pull up a video and ask your child to sing it for you.

Exploring places outside of our students hometowns helps them understand the world around them and sparks their natural curiosity. We've also been making world flags and using the "animals of the continents" work as an extension to their map making.

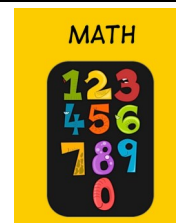
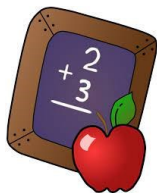
This month we will shift our focus to the upcoming Holiday of Thanksgiving. The children will learn about the traditional story of the first Thanksgiving. We will compare and contrast the historical version to their experiences with their own families. In addition this is the time of year we discuss heavily the concepts of gratitude and helping others. Being so blessed with what they have makes it very difficult for children to understand that not everyone has the blessings they have.



Lastly we will explore the season of Fall and the wonderful and mysterious changes that are taking place outdoors. We will be discussing leaves and why they change colors as well as noticing the different shapes of them.



Extended Day Updates



During the month of November we will begin working on number recognition, quantity counting, and one to one correspondence. Most of our activities will be hands on manipulatives, games, and a few concrete materials. All activities will be geared toward your students academic level.

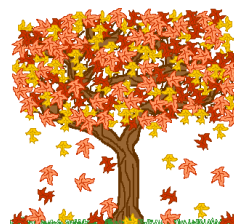
*One to one correspondence involves counting each object in a set once, and only once with one touch per object.

*Quantity counting is the act of determining the quantity or the total number of objects in a set or a group.

*Number recognition is the ability to recognize numbers by their names and by how they look.

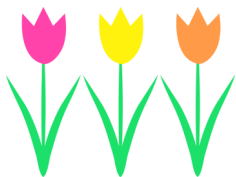


Science Discoveries



"There must be provision for the child to have contact with nature; to understand and appreciate the order, the harmony, and the beauty in nature." ~ Dr. Maria Montessori

We enjoyed learning about different parts of our body in the last month. Continuing with the theme, this month, we will explore the animal kingdom and learn about the different species.

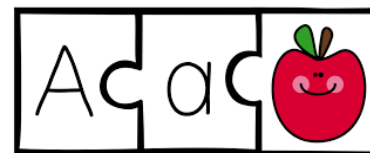


ART APPRECIATION



This November we will be learning about a new artist, Alma Woodsey Thomas. She specialized in expressionism and realism art. This month we will explore making art with different methods and mediums!

Phonics Fun



For the month of November, we will continue learning the sounds to the letters in the alphabet. We will trace and recognize each letter followed with a fun craft and song to help them remember the sound each letter makes.

Fun Fridays!



November is for family, friends, thankfulness, and of course lots of yummy food. So with that being said, our Friday kiddos will be cooking up some fun foods. Children love cooking and preparing their own food and the great independence it brings.

Reminders from the Office

✍ **Small Hands Catalog:** Please keep this great catalog in mind as you start your holiday shopping. There are great materials in it and our school will receive a credit to purchase items for our classrooms.

✍ **Cold Weather:** Please dress your students accordingly in the morning. We will continue to take them outside, weather permitting. This includes coats, hats, gloves, scarfs, and snow pants



 SCHOLASTIC



Scholastic books orders are due online by *November 17th*. **This will be the last order we place before the winter holidays.** Your continued support helps us earn bonus points to purchase new books for our classrooms each year.





October Thank You!



The teachers and children would like to extend a huge thanks to all those who donated items to our school during the October.

Your generosity contributes to the success of our school.

Thanks so much!

Moy- Lysol wipes, Birdseed

Elmore- Clock, Puzzles

Crowley- Mechanical pencils, Metallic markers, Glue sticks, Sharpie markers, Ballpoint pens, Pony beads, Pipe cleaners, Q-tips, Popsicle sticks

Cojocari- Construction paper

Margarit- Envelopes

Mulcahy- Scrapbook paper, Sand toys, Ribbon, Pipe cleaners

Cociug- Mums

Patel- Q-tips

Kijowski- Cardstock, Q-tips, Tissue paper



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