



DECEMBER NEWS

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Montessori Times in our Class...

Celebrations around the world

During December, we will take time to learn some holiday traditions from around the world. It is our goal to teach children that people, from various cultures celebrate their unique holidays, and have developed traditions of their own to pass down from generation to generation. We will learn about the history and origin of many holidays and the traditions and customs of the people celebrating them. We will continue to study peace, and how we can work together to make a more peaceful world! Our theme song will be, "Teaching Peace All Around the World" I will be sure to post the words to this song and a few others this month so you can sing along at home.



**Logan
reads
Pink
Series
word
cards**

Through out the month...

Throughout the month of November we identified where in the world we are located. We discussed our school's city location, county and state. We included some discussion of our city & state history, as well as land and animals found here in our area. We also learned a great deal about the United States of America including the fifty states, names and locations along with our song of the fifty states; significant places like the Statue of Liberty, New York, Washington D.C., Texas, California & Florida including any places that the children have visited themselves. We studied the history of the Pilgrim voyage, and their arrival to the New Land as well as the beginnings of America and George Washington, our first president. We have learned the Pledge of Allegiance, the Star Spangled Banner, the preamble of the Constitution, God Bless America, Yankee Doodle and the stories behind each of these. It has proven to be a great month with lots of learning and fun! Students enjoyed learning about these exciting events from history.

Holiday Celebration

We will have our very own holiday celebration on December 21st. We will have a holiday party incorporating some crafts, food and fun! We will also have a 'book exchange' so each child is invited to choose a favorite story, wrap in gift wrap and place it under the tree. The gifts will be selected at random, so no names will be necessary except to sign who it is from. It is always nice to have your child sign the book so that it will be a memorable keepsake for their friend for years to come. We will have more information available about this special day of celebration so be sure to watch the news bulletin board in the entryway for more details. For those families who have been asking for a classroom wish list, we promise to have it posted in the upcoming week as well!

Maria Montessori said...



“Respect all the reasonable forms of activity in which the child engages and try to understand them.”

Reminders to families...

- Please use tote bags for all blankets and rest time gear.
- Students bringing breakfast to school should bring them in lunch boxes to help us get dishes back to families. Thanks for your help!
- SEND COATS, HATS & MITTENS EVERY DAY PLEASE. Winter's here.
- LABEL ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS, INCLUDING HATS, MITTENS & COATS PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.
- Be sure your children know what their coats, hats & mittens look like.
- Teach children to put mittens in pockets and hats in sleeves.
- Holiday Celebration December 21st.
- Winter break begins on December 24th.
- Lost & Found located by back door.

Teaching Peace (words to song)

**“Teaching Peace, All the world around,
You and me
Every ci-ty, every town,
One by one, in our work and in our play,
We are teaching peace by what we do and what we say.**

**It's up to us, to show we care,
Reaching out to ev-er-y body, everywhere,
Heart to Heart,
Friend to Friend,
Circling all the world around and back again.**

**Teaching Peace, Al the World Around,
You and me
Every ci-ty, every town,
One by one, in our work and in our play,
We are teaching peace by what we do and what we say”**

(Have fun singing with your child. Use this concept as a tool to remind children that they are teaching peace or non peace by what they are saying or doing.)

Upcoming Events

Caroling at State Farm

Monday, December 17th

Holiday Celebration

Friday, December 21st

Winter Break

December 24th – January 1st

Thank you to Families!!

We want to wish all of the families a BIG THANK YOU from each of us here at Sunrise for your support with our Small Hands Fundraiser!! We have earned \$150 in new Montessori materials for our classroom!! Orders may still be placed through December 31st, 2012 ~ *Thank you!*