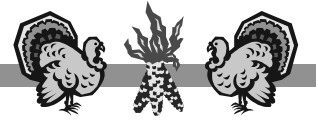




The Adventurer



Montessori Adventure School

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ways to add nature play areas for children outside at a Montessori workshop, visit a large infant through middle school Chicago-area Montessori private school, and stay with one of our alumni families during our visit.

I was delighted to have the chance to introduce you to a few alumni families at our party due to an Appleton Area School District "No School" day. Thank you for welcoming them.

I don't have any special harvest events for the national holiday but do close the school the days before and after Thanksgiving because many families travel to celebrate with relatives and friends.

We also are closed (except for the Plus children) the two weeks following our winter party on December 18th. This year the featured country is Saudi Arabia. Our party date falls on the Muslim New Year, and Zahra's mom, Joanna J., is willing to lead us in explaining the many Muslim customs. I'm also hoping to celebrate the Brazilian Mardi Gras, but now I'm mentioning things months away. Perhaps I get too inspired when I visit at our parties and even go to Montessori events out-of-town.

Thanks to everyone,
Emily Forslin

Founder's Forum

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who joined Miss S. with their children at the Apple Shed for a happy time picking apples. Thanks also to parents who helped the children turn apples into applesauce. Then, more thanks to parents who helped with Picture Day, set up the Kick-Off parent meeting, came to the meeting, volunteered for tasks, decorated and/or brought treats to our Halloween party, and helped restore our environments to non-Halloween order for classes the following Monday after our fun-filled party.

I am amazed and delighted that there are so many people to thank for so many things and the Thanksgiving holiday isn't even here yet. Ann, Jamie, and I are also thankful that we had a chance to learn about

If anyone has been to Saudi Arabia or has items from that country to loan to the school for our December party, please let Mrs. Forslin know.

Preschool - Kindergarten News

Dear Parents,

As Thanksgiving in America is a national holiday celebrating our English Pilgrim roots as well as the importance of a good harvest, helpful friends and feeling thankful, I always give group lessons on “olden” times, exploration, Native Americans of various regions of our country and what native foods are and from where various foods originally came. Group lessons also include counting up to 30, listening to hear if one can name something that starts with one of the letter sounds (not the letter names) I ask for, and many “how to behave in our group” lessons.

Many children enjoy art or pencil tasks which may go home on Fridays. Others are busy with geography puzzles of the various continents’ countries, doing math problems, sensorial problems and gross or fine motor challenges that parents may not even hear about on Fridays.

As you can see or imagine our room is often a very busy place with many types of learning tasks. This makes the staff and me not only busy but thankful.

Sincerely,
Emily

Happy Birthday!

**November
Birthday:**

Rohan F. – November 17



Toddler Talk

Dear Parents,

In our classroom, the children are learning different types of “work” and then how to put their work away when they are finished. We are all learning how to get along and get to know each other. There’s been less crying and more involvement in classroom work, including puzzles and small muscle activities. We’ve been going outside every day weather permits, and the children enjoy that, as well. Be sure your children have warm outdoor clothing – coats, mittens, boots, and, eventually, snowpants. Be sure to write your child’s name on everything they bring.

Please remember to allow your child to walk into the school and into the classroom rather than carrying him or her. Even at home, carrying should be very limited. Children who become used to being held do not do well in a group situation and it limits their independence and ability to learn new things.

Thank you to the parents of Aarush who gave alphabet blocks to the toddler room in honor of his birthday.

Reminder: There will be no school on November 25-27 (Wed-Thur-Fri) for Thanksgiving break.

Have a Happy Fall,
Eileen V.

Last Call for Online Picture Orders!



Don’t forget to visit the Debbie Daanen website, www.debbiedaanen.com, to view and order your child’s pictures. The online posting expires November 30th.

Preschool Field Trip

Thursday, November 12th, 9:30 am

Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

Tickets: \$5

Runtime: 60 minutes



“Click, Clack, Moo”

Farmer Brown doesn't know what to make out of the strange sound coming from the barn. Click clack moo is all that can be heard. Putting hooves to keys, the cows discover a computer and learn how to use it. It's not long before Farmer Brown discovers their letter demanding better working conditions. He finds it udderly ridiculous until the ducks click in with demands of their own. Based on the award-winning book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin, Click Clack Moo is a hilariously moo-ving musical about negotiation and compromise.

The school has reserved 45 tickets to the show “Click, Clack, Moo” at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are limited. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Parents are expected to accompany their children. Because of the field trip, there will not be a regular class for Preschool/Kindergarten on Thursday, November 12th. If you cannot go, but want your child to attend, please arrange for another parent to transport and accompany your child. We would like to encourage parents of PLUS children to attend, but if that is not possible PLUS children may accompany another parent. Let us know if your PLUS child will need to attend their usual hours that day.

Note: This show at the PAC is geared for children ages 3 and up. The PAC does not allow babies in arms inside the theater. Our parents of 2 year olds will have to decide if their children would enjoy seeing the show. If so, you are welcome to sign up for any tickets remaining after the preschool sign-up.

Thank YOU!

- ♥ To Mrs. B. for the donation of six books to the office library
- ♥ To the family of Zahra J. for the donation towards the purchase of puzzles for the preschool room.
- ♥ To the family of Rohan F. for painting our old stepstool and building a new one as well.
- ♥ To the family of Isabella L. for the donation in honor of her birthday of five biology picture books for the preschool room.
- ♥ To the family of Aarush G. for the donation of alphabet blocks to the Toddler Room in honor of his birthday.
- ♥ To the unknown person(s) who replanted the planters at the entrance to the parking lot with fresh greenery. Please let us know who you are!
- ♥ To all the parents who helped make our Halloween Party a success by decorating, setting up, bringing treats, and cleaning up afterwards.

From the Parent Advisory Board:

If anyone would like to order from the Small Hands catalog, please place orders in Elias' cubby as soon as you can. Beat the Christmas rush!

Fundraising Update: We've begun collecting Labels for Education! Please notice the box in the school's lobby and bring labels whenever you have them. You'll also find more information about the program near the box. More information will be coming soon about Scripps and SchoolStore.com.

Mark Your Calendars:



REMINDER:

Tuition is due on the 1st of the month. A late fee of \$20 is assessed if tuition is received after the 10th of the month.

NOV 12 (THUR) – PRESCHOOL FIELD TRIP
“CLICK, CLACK, MOO” 9:30 AM PAC

**NOV 25-27 (WED-FRI) – THANKSGIVING BREAK
NO SCHOOL ALL CHILDREN**

NOV 30 (MON) – LAST DAY TO VIEW AND ORDER
CLASS PICTURES ONLINE AT:
WWW.DEBBIEDAANEN.COM

*Looking Ahead:
December 2009*

TBA – Adults-only Holiday Party

DEC 18 (FRI) – Holiday Party
PARTY HOURS

DEC 21(MON) -JAN 1 (FRI) – Winter Break
NO SCHOOL FOR PRE SCHOOL & TODDLER
PLUS ATTEND EXCEPT BELOW:

DEC 24-25 (THUR&FRI) – PLUS Holiday Break
NO SCHOOL FOR PLUS CHILDREN

JAN 1 (FRI) – NEW YEAR’S DAY
NO SCHOOL FOR PLUS CHILDREN

JAN 4 (MON) – Classes resume