



The Adventurer



Montessori Adventure School

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year when it snows the children get very excited.

Please consider, even with older children, attaching mittens (not gloves) to a length of cloth tape which can stay in the child's jacket and is just long enough to hang the mittens an inch below the jacket cuffs. In this way, the child can't lose or forget the mittens, and mittens are needed now on the playground. Hats and tights or pants are, too.

As the end of the year is approaching, please consider a donation to our non-profit school if you are able to make charitable year-end gifts. These types of gifts fund our kindergarten-year sponsorship of a worthy child or help us buy needed items.

Thanks for your help in supporting our school in all the concerns I bring to your attention, especially in arriving here at 8:30 or earlier in the morning, encouraging walking and personal care of hanging up coats and other items. Marked improvement in gross and fine motor skills and owner responsibility is being seen.

Sincerely,

Emily Forslin



Please string mittens on a cord through sleeves.

Founder's Forum

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday with family or friends, with no illnesses or travel problems intruding on the happiness this American feast day usually ensures. Some children are always eager to return here with much to share or report. Others aren't and want the holiday time away to continue but all children are back to their usual behaviors in a few days unless we get an early first big snow. Each

Preschool - Kindergarten News

Dear Parents,

You may have noticed the pictures and objects I placed around the classroom depicting different regions in the early days of the 1600s in American history. In both our room's east and west sides, ocean pictures can be seen with the Atlantic eastern woodlands and the Pacific northern coastline. On our north wall Wisconsin, our grasslands, and mountain ranges are suggested. On our south wall are our hot wetlands and dry desert. While I will be removing the Native American dolls I will add modern pictures of our country with continued focus on compass directions.

With our beginning introduction to Saudi Arabia and Muslim life there, which will culminate with our Holiday Party on December 18th, children will learn more about deserts, oil, and Muslim customs. If you have Arabian objects or clothing, or large pictures of American regional scenes, please let me know.

Fondly,
Emily

Happy Birthday!

December Birthdays:



- Nannan A. – December 1
- Morgan L. – December 16

Toddler Talk

Dear Parents,

First, I'd like to welcome Ashton M. to the TuTh class. We still have openings in both Toddler Classes so if you know anyone with a child 18 months or older looking for a program, please have them contact the school's office manager by e-mail at anne@montessoriadventure.com.

In class the children are learning new songs in circle time. It has become a very peaceful class now as they have all learned to separate without crying. The children continue to explore their favorite work and are learning new skills. They are starting to talk to each other and watch how their friends work. They are cleaning up after snack and putting away their own work. We are doing arts and crafts and continue to go outside everyday.

The school is having a winter celebration on Friday, December 18th, so there is no regular class that day. All families are invited to join the party which begins at 10am. We then begin our winter break, when school will be closed through New Year's Day. We return to classes on Monday, January 4th.

Have a safe and enjoyable winter break.

Eileen V.

REYES SYNDROME

Just a reminder that children should not be given aspirin or other salicylate products for a fever. They may develop a serious condition known as Reyes Syndrome. For more information, go to:

www.reyessyndrome.org/schools.html

From the Office:



Tax Statements for Donations

If you made a cash or non-cash donation to Montessori Adventure School in 2008 and would like a statement of acknowledgement for your records, please leave a note in the office for Anne. We would like to get all statements out by January 31. Effective January 1, 2007, donors who itemize deductions on their annual income tax returns must have a bank record or a written communication from the charity to substantiate any cash contributions. Donors are no longer able to claim deductions based solely on their own written records, such as a contemporaneous diary noting donations. If goods or services were received for a contribution of \$75 or more, a breakdown statement is required to take a deduction for the donation portion of the contribution. Statements must be received before you file your taxes. See IRS Publication 1771 for more information. Consult your tax or legal advisor for professional guidance.

Thank YOU!

♥ To the Husman family for the donation of volume of animal cards/books and napkins.

♥ To the father of Rohan F. for making new dividers in our rug holder.

P.A.B. News

FROM THE PARENT ADVISORY BOARD:

Happy Holidays from the P.A.B! We want to remind everyone to keep clipping the Box Top\$ for Education. Don't forget that you can save yourself the insanity of the mall and also raise money for the school by shopping via the Box Top\$ web site (<http://www.boxtops4education.com>). You must sign up for the free Box Top\$ membership to shop and earn. You can opt out of receiving emails from the company. Don't forget, friends and relatives can also help collect and shop to help the school out! We are not doing Campbell's Soup labels.

We are currently looking into getting special visitors to the school to discuss their various specialties and educate the children.

Due to everyone's crunched schedules, we decided not to have a holiday gathering this year. In lieu of the holiday party, there will be a sweetheart's night out February 6th. This would be a time for mom and dad to get a sitter for the kids and have an actual date night! We are hoping that the advanced notice will give you all time to find sitters. Please leave an R.S.V.P. in the P.A.B. cubby so we may arrange a venue and possibly entertainment.



Year End Donations:

There's still time to make a tax-deductible donation to the Montessori Adventure School this year. Ask if your company does gift-matching



FAQ: Why is the tuition for December the same as other months when there are fewer class days?

ANSWER: Tuition is calculated for the school year and divided into 9 equal payments with a built-in allowance for vacations and illness. Tuition payment is due the first of the month. Of course, you are welcome to pay for the whole year in advance.

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.

DECEMBER 11 (FRI) – Free Preschool Vision Testing by PREVENT BLINDNESS WISCONSIN

DECEMBER 18 (FRI) – WINTER PARTY
Party Hours 10:00am – Noon

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

Looking Ahead: January 2010

JAN 4 (MON) – CLASSES RESUME

JAN 6 (WED) – CONFERENCE FORMS DUE

JAN 14 (THUR) – PRESCHOOL FIELD TRIP
TO WEIS MUSEUM

(NO SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN)

JAN 14 (THUR) – MOM’S NIGHT
(TODDLERS & PLUS ATTEND)

JAN 21&22 (THUR&FRI) – SCHOOL CONFERENCES
NO SCHOOL EXCEPT PLUS

JAN 29 (FRI) – DAD’S NIGHT

NO SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN
(TODDLERS & PLUS ATTEND)

FEB 1ST – REGISTRATION FOR 2008-2009 BEGINS

Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held in January. Forms for parents to complete will be put in cubbies in December. These need to be filled out and returned by January 6th.

LEGALLY BLONDE: THE MUSICAL

If any adults would be interested in purchasing group tickets to a performance of *Legally Blonde: The Musical* at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center for either Friday evening, April 23rd (\$69.80), or Saturday afternoon, April 24th (\$77.00), please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby. We need at least 15 people signed up in order to get group tickets for a performance. Buying tickets through group sales gets you a seat before tickets go on sale to the general public. We need to collect payment at the time of order.