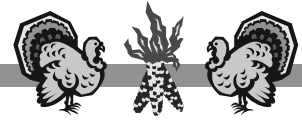




The Adventurer



Montessori Adventure School

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their workshop on Saturday. Thank you, parents, for covering most of these costs through your continued fundraising and donations. I will be happy to share insights gained when I return. It's also gratifying to see how many of you are willing to help keep our costs down by your yard and building labor and help. By doing so, you also show your child that our school family, like his own family, needs everyone to play his part.

Hopefully, every child will have an adult accompanying her for our Halloween party wearing a bit of costume, too. Again, if your child is unwilling to show off her costume when invited please don't insist. We want everyone to enjoy the party, performer or not. Parents of Plus children, please let us know if your child will be here for their extended hours on October 31st.

Trick or Treat!

Emily Forslin

Founder's Forum

Dear Parents,

Happily having new baby, Elena, here, snuggled sleeping next to her mommy during our morning hours has been a positive experience for everyone. The children marvel at her tinyness and consider it a lucky day if she wakes up in time to be having a snack while they are enjoying their own on the sun porch.

The staff teachers are looking forward to sharpening their observation skills when we visit three Montessori schools on our November professional day and discuss our findings afterwards. I will also visit my own training center, MECA-Seton, in Chicago for

Preschool - Kindergarten News

Dear Parents,

As we move toward the culmination of fall's harvest season and our American celebration of Thanksgiving, I always stress the different regions of the United States and how they shaped the lives of both the Native Americans and European settlers who lived there in the "olden days." I try to also alert them to what foods and animals once could only be found in their own indigenous regions instead of most places like today. This helps them understand why special

foods are featured for particular celebrations like Thanksgiving and Diwali.

With the elections of a new American president, I will touch on voting, our 50 states, our Capitol and the White House. We will not start electing our own class presidents, however, until February. If your child is 4½ to 6, going with you to watch you vote will make a big impression.

Many children now have sound books. See if they can hear the last sounds in their names and other words, and help them count as far as they can.

We are all learning to be very busy, to dare to learn new things (by risking mistakes) and to live kindly, gently and peacefully with one another.

Shalom (Peace)
Emily

From the Office:

Some families still need to turn in their signed Enrollment Agreements to Perry Lou S. Please get these in as soon as possible, as we must have these for continued enrollment.

Happy Birthday!

November Birthdays:



- Ian A. – November 2
- Vani S. – November 18



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 on November 1st.

Toddler Talk

Dear Parents,

The TuTh toddlers are making great progress with learning self-help skills in communicating their needs, having snack, and picking up after themselves. Mrs. C. and I notice the changes and we hope you do, too.

As we move towards November the MWF class is learning about different shapes. I would like parents to work on this at home as well. Make some nice artwork with your child using circles, squares, triangles, etc., making sure they understand and can tell you the differences. We will be learning also about days of the week, the months, seasons and holidays. We will begin practicing some new holiday songs for December.

Reminder: There will not be a regular MWF toddler class on Friday, October 31st, because that's our school **Halloween Party** day! ALL toddlers, MWF and TuTh, and their parents are welcome to dress up (no masks) and attend the party which starts at 10:00am. The children have been practicing a song to sing for you! This is a great, fun tradition at our school and you'll get to meet other Montessori Adventure families.

Also note that Friday, November 7th, is a Professional Day for teachers so there will not be a regular class that day. The teachers will be spending that day visiting and observing other preschools to learn from them. Finally, be aware that Thanksgiving holiday is Wednesday, November 26th through Friday, November 28.

As we head into the late fall season, please make sure your children are dressed warmly for outdoor play – coat, hat, mittens. We are still going outside every day.

Have a Happy Fall,
Mrs. V.

*Misplaced your copy of The Adventurer?
Can't remember if it's your Snack Week?
Go to www.montessoriadventure.com and click on "Newsletter"!*

Thank YOU!

♥ To the family of Zahra J. for the donation of pretty table covers.



Helping Hands Needed:

Parent volunteers are necessary to keeping our non-profit school running smoothly. Please let Emily or the PAB know if you can help out in any way.

- Repair one of the three entrance door lights (the light closest to the stairs going to the basement).
- Siphon out rain barrels as needed. (Large barrel in the back yard has a garden hose in it; clear tubing for the smaller barrel at front corner of school is in the basement storeroom.)
- Repair the handles on the Toddler room rocking horse.
- Repair the leg of the preschool classroom "Month" bear.
- Re-install exterior window screens (in back hall, behind stage).
- Spread woodchips in play area.



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.

OCTOBER 31 (Fri) – HALLOWEEN PARTY

PARTY HOURS 10:00 AM -NOON

NO REGULAR CLASSES

NOV 1 (SAT) – LAST DAY TO VIEW AND ORDER CLASS PICTURES ONLINE AT WWW.DEBBIEDAANEN.COM

NOV. 5 (WED) – COOKIE DOUGH ORDERS DUE

NOV. 7 (Fri) – PROFESSIONAL DAY **NO SCHOOL ALL CHILDREN**

NOV.18-19 (TUE-WED) – ORDERED COOKIE DOUGH DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS AT SCHOOL

NOV 20 (THUR) – CHEESECAKE ORDERS DUE

NOV 26-28 (TUE-FRI) – THANKSGIVING BREAK **NO SCHOOL ALL CHILDREN**

*Looking Ahead:
December 2008*

TBA – Adults-only Holiday Party

WEEK OF DEC 15 – Ordered Cheesecake distributed to parents at school

DEC 19 (FRI) – Holiday Party
PARTY HOURS

DEC 22(MON) -JAN 2 (FRI) – Winter Break
NO SCHOOL FOR PRE SCHOOL & TODDLER
PLUS ATTEND EXCEPT BELOW:

DEC 24-26 (WED-FRI) – PLUS Holiday Break
NO SCHOOL ALL CHILDREN

JAN 5 (MON) – Classes resume