

DECEMBER 2023

NEWSLETTER

Independence is not a static condition; it is a continuous conquest, and in order to reach not only freedom, but also strength, and the perfecting on one's powers, it is necessary to follow this path of unremitting toil.

-Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 14: Fall Performance

Dec 22: Santa visit/ Christmas party/ book exchange

Dec 22: Early release at 3pm

Dec 25—Jan 2: School closed for Winter Break

Jan 3: Spring semester starts

DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS AND WINTER WONDERLAND

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
				1 BRING A BOOK ABOUT WINTER
4 WHO IS SANTA?	5 WHAT IS A SNOWMAN?	6 WHERE IS THE NORTH POLE?	7 WINTER PERFORMANCE	8 HOLIDAY CRAFT
11 OH CHRISTMAS TREE!	12 SNOWFLAKES	13 REINDEER	14 CHRISTMAS PARTY, BOOK EXCHANGE, & VISIT FROM SANTA! FREE DRESS DAY	15 HOLIDAY CRAFT
18 ICE SKATING & SLEDDING	19 GIFT OF GIVING	20 SNOW & WEATHER	21 HOLIDAY CRAFT	22 BRING A HOLIDAY BOOK / 3pm early release
25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL

'Tis the Season for Everyone!

As we approach the end of the year, December brings with it a sense of joy, warmth, and celebration. It's a month filled with diverse festivities that offer us the opportunity to come together as a community, appreciate various traditions, and create lasting memories. Here's a glimpse of what's in store for us this December:

Holiday Traditions Around the World:

We'll be exploring the rich tapestry of holiday traditions from different cultures. Teachers may incorporate engaging lessons and activities to help students learn about the various ways people celebrate during this special time of the year. From Hanukkah to Christmas, Diwali to Kwanzaa, our students will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for cultural diversity.

Community Service Project:

December is also a time for giving back. We'll be organizing a community service project to instill the spirit of generosity and kindness in our students. Details about the event will be shared in the coming days.

Winter Performance:

Get ready for a spectacular showcase of talent! Our students have been diligently preparing for the winter concert, where they'll delight us with songs and performances of the holiday season.

Gratitude and Reflection:

December is an ideal time for reflection and gratitude. Teachers will continue to guide students in discussions about the importance of kindness, empathy, and appreciating the positive moments in their lives. We'll encourage them to express gratitude for the people and experiences that bring them joy.

Important Dates to Remember:

We're excited about the upcoming month and the opportunity to celebrate together as a school community. If you have any questions or would like to contribute to our celebrations, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you and your families a December filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments!

Warm Thanks,

DMA Staff

Reminder: If your child has a fever, before they can return to school, they need to:

- 1. Be off of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol (Acetaminophen) or Motrin/ Advil (Ibuprofen) for 24 hours.**
- 2. Be without fever for 24 hours**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- **Diane**
- **Maurice**



SANTA VISIT AND BOOK EXCHANGE

Santa will visit our school on December 22nd, at 10am, for our Christmas Party and Book Exchange.

You may wear holiday clothes/ colors.

We will share cookies and milk and have story-time with Santa!

Please bring a new, wrapped book to put in the book exchange on or before December 20th.

All classes will participate in the book exchange.

Weekend Chinese School

Weekend Chinese School will begin the weekend of January 13. If you would like more information or wish to register, please contact the office. Ms. Linda can assess your child's appropriate level and let you know the date/ time of your child's class.

Christmas holiday school closure

Please note these holiday closures and early release dates:

Our school will close early at 3pm on Friday, 12/22.

We will be closed from 12/25-1/2 inclusive, and will reopen on January 3. One week of tuition will not be charged for the week 12/25-12/29.

Holiday Drop-in

We do realize some parents will need to work during that time and have no other child care options. While our location will be closed 12/25-12/29, the Allen location will be open from 12/26-12/29, 7:00 am-6:00 pm for drop-in care. (There will be early release on 12/29 at 12 noon.) Inform your school office if you need drop-in care at our Allen school.

Preschool drop-in rate is \$85/day (under 3yrs), \$60/day (over 3yrs). K-5 drop-in rate is \$55/ day. Please inform us by 12/20 if you will need drop-in care.

(If you are with CCA North Central Texas, you can contact your caseworker to temporarily switch to Allen for one week. Our Allen school is not with CCA Dallas.)

Uniform Bottoms

Just a friendly reminder that khaki bottoms are also part of our uniform.

Khaki pants can be purchased at [Children's Place](#), [Target](#), [Walmart](#).

For girls, khaki skirts are also allowed and [Target](#), [Children's Place](#), and [Children's Place](#).

Click on each to take you to each item.