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Dear friends and family,
Greetings!

It is hard to imagine that on a small, jam packed, noisy street of this underprivileged community there is a school where children come and are free to learn and explore without the fear of authority, punishment and testing, which is the usual competitive way of education in the Indian education system.

As 2025 comes to an end, we want to share the news of Alpha Montessori School with you. Reflecting on the year, there have been enormous accomplishments at every level. As the true Montessori education is growing, everyone, teachers and student alike, are becoming deeply engaged in quiet learning with joy and growth in all ways. Even the youngest children focus independently on their chosen work throughout the day.

The younger children (ages 3-5) enjoy their classroom in the rooftop garden. They water plants, wash leaves and pick dead leaves to make compost. They watch butterflies and enjoy watching flowers and growing vegetables. This is a perfect place for them to play with clay and do practical life activities. The elementary children study parts of the plant and classification with living plants in a more natural setting. This beautiful rooftop garden is a rare oasis amid the noise and chaos of this crowded, under-served, poor neighborhood.

The elementary children are busy learning two languages, English and Hindi, math, geography, history and culture as a part of their curriculum. All of this is learned through hands-on activities. Their ability to do hand work as in art work, paper cutting, studying symmetry and doing needlework is growing along with a natural academic learning.





It is so satisfying to see the expansion of teacher's education. They have become skillful in language and are taking active part in learning the Montessori philosophy. Their personal growth and education has been at the heart of our school's progress. The teachers are gaining a deeper understanding of all the subjects and are able to give constructive ideas about the education of the children.

The nutrition program is thriving, providing one hot meal , as each day we provide this for children, teachers, and staff. All participate in the preparation, serving, and clean up and they look forward to it every day. The meals include a variety of seasonal vegetables, fruits, nuts, and healthy grains, carefully designed to meet nutritional needs. Along with enjoying the nutrition, the children are also getting education about its nutritional value. After the meals, the children take pride in washing dishes and making the kitchen ready for the next day's meal.

All members of this amazing community thank you for your thoughtful support of Alpha School. Your warm wishes carry us through and brighten our days. We wish you sweet holidays, imbued with your care and love!

Warmest Regards, great thanks,
and abiding Love,

Amita *Shaw*

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