# THREE RIVERS! Raccoon News!



#### **Important Dates:**

Nov. 4th No School (Teacher Workshop)

Nov. 5th No School (Teacher Workshop)

Nov. 28th No School (Fall Break)

Nov. 29th No School (Fall Break)

# **Cold Weather Gear Donations**

We are accepting donations of cold weather gear to ensure that every student at TRM is well-equipped for winter! We are in need of the following items:

Hats-Coats-Gloves
Snow Pants-Boots

### **Winter Updates**

In the event of snow day you will receive a text and email message via JMC from Dr. Henry. You can also tune into WCCO Channel 4 for their school closure updates.

Please remember to send your students with warm clothes as we will be going outside for recess and P.E. throughout the winter!



## **Encouragement vs Praise**

Teach Self reliance instead of dependence on others. Encouragement invites self-evaluation. Praise invites children to become "approval junkies"

Praise: "I am so proud of you. Here is your reward." Encouragement: "You worked hard. You must be so proud of yourself."





Praise: "You are such a good girl."
Encouragement: "Thanks for helping."

#### A letter from our Executive Director:



Dear TRM Families.

Three Rivers Montessori is all about children. As the Executive Director, I am honored to serve in this position along-side a caring staff of people. There are many wonderful experiences gained in our Montessori classrooms that I observe daily. Young students in the primary classroom are continuing to ask questions and solve problems. They are guided by teachers to help them with big emotions and social conflicts.

Time management, planning, organization and task initiation are skills practiced in the elementary classroom. In lower elementary, students are introduced to the concept of planning their work and students take on more of the responsibility of the work they need to complete each week. They prioritize tasks and break down big goals into manageable steps. In doing so, students are developing the tools they will need to be successful young people and future adults. They practice their new skills in an environment with their peers.

We don't know what kind of jobs our children will need for the future. What we do know is that they will need to know how to communicate well, think for themselves, work as a team, know how to lead, and how to learn. Three Rivers Montessori teachers work alongside students, guiding them as they rise to their potential at every stage.

Each school year brings success and challenges. By focusing on the positives, you not only ease your own worries but also help set the stage for your child's success. Focus on what is going right. Ask, "What was your favorite Montessori work today?" Or, "What did you read today?" Or, "How did you demonstrate self-control today?" If ever you have worries or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or me. The staff at TRM is always ready to help you. Three Rivers Montessori, we demonstrate our love for children and learning daily. We see that the children are joyful and excited about learning and thinking for themselves. Thank you, families for sharing your child(ren) with us. We love them all.

Dr. Paula Henry

#### Raccoon Reads

Our students have been doing an amazing job tracking their reading at home! We have loved hearing all about their new reading adventures! Keep up the good work! A few things to remember: Please remember to turn in completed reading logs and get new ones to continue logging all of your reading time.

Last call!! Our online Scholastic Book Fair is almost over, the final day is Oct 27th!

# Positive Affirmation's

- "I see you pausing and listening to your brain. What awesome self control you are showing!"
- "Look at how you were able to calm down after that frustrating moment. You must have a lot of willpower."
- "I noticed you walking away from that situation when your heart was telling you it needed space. How cool that you are able to follow what it is telling you."

