

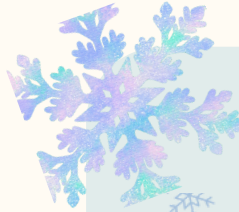
# THREE RIVERS *Raccoon News!*

## Important Dates:

Nov. 28-29th  
(Fall Break)

Dec. 6th No School  
(Teacher Workshop)

Dec 23rd-Jan 3rd No School  
(Winter Break)



December's  
Word of the Month

# INCLUSIVE

making sure everyone is included and  
no one is left out



## Hey Parents! Don't Forget!

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! Please remember to turn in completed reading logs and get new ones to continue logging all of your reading time!

## Keep up the good work!

## Positive Discipline: Special Time

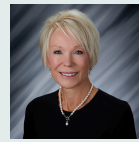
One of the most encouraging things parents can do for their children is to spend regular, scheduled special time with them. You may already spend lots of time with your children. There is a difference between have to time, casual time, and scheduled special time.

Children under two require a lot of time and are not really old enough to comprehend special time. As long as they feel your enjoyment, scheduled special time is not necessary. Between the ages of two to six, children need at least ten minutes a day of special time that they can count on. Even more time is better, but you'll be surprised how magical it can be even if 10 minutes of special time is all you can manage in your busy schedule.

Schedule special time that is different from regular time.

- 1) Turn your phone on silent.
- 2) Take turns choosing an activity you both enjoy from a list you have brainstormed together.
- 3) Age Guidelines:
  - 2-6 years old: 10 min./day
  - 7-12: at least 30 min./week





## A letter from our Executive Director:

Families, Three Rivers Montessori School Board has been talking a lot about our GROWTH RELATED TO OUR location and how we need more space. Currently, our lease is too expensive in the long term to sustain. In addition, the facility itself is limited for increasing enrollment and for extracurricular activities. Public charter schools cannot own buildings. Currently, TRM leases the building we are now in. The lease is getting increasingly expensive. Solutions need to be evaluated. In order to have our own school building, a company would need to be formed and sponsored to buy a building to lease to the school. The Affiliated Building Company (ABC) would purchase the building (with loans and backing) and our school would lease the space. Complicated? Yes! Anyone could be part of the ABC. You and I could be part of the ABC.

Here are some scenarios we are exploring:

1. Leasing new space
2. Forming an Affiliated Building Company (ABC)
3. Finding a realtor who could help find us space
4. Merging with another charter school if possible now or in two years
5. Staying where we are for another year – what are the ramifications?

So, what do we need? Parents, we need you to help STEER THIS GROWTH. We need help in exploring new locations. We need help forming an ABC. We need a corporate sponsor. We need people interested in being part of an ABC. Please reach out if you are interested at all in helping us through the process of exploring space.

TRM is such an amazing school. The children are so delightful. We certainly want to continue to provide a learning environment that is joyful, caring, and focused on the individual child.

Thank you, parents for choosing Three Rivers Montessori, home of the raccoons.

-Dr. Paula Henry

### 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**



## Morning Drop Off Routines

We love welcoming your children to school each morning! Please help us by making the transition from your vehicle to the classroom as quick and safe as possible! You can do this by making sure all coats and shoes are on, and backpacks are within reach! If you think your child may need some extra time to get ready to come inside for the day that's ok! Please pull into the upper level parking lot and walk your student to the door when they are ready! Please remember to be extra cautious when pulling into the drive alley!

## TRM Social Media

Please head over to Facebook and follow and like our page! We post school events and updates regarding school closures.

You can find us on

Facebook by searching for:

Three Rivers Montessori Public Charter School & Children's House

