

# MVM Newsletter

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## Reminders:



## Building

### Hours:

7:30am-6:00pm

## Parent

### Mailboxes

Please check your child's mailbox every Friday, at pickup, for important news, regarding school events, daily work and office information.

## Change of Clothes

This is a great time to change out your child's extra clothing that they have at school. Please bring in two sets of long sleeve shirts, pants, underwear and socks.

## Office News

Welcome back MVM students and families! We hope that everyone had a joyous holiday and happy new year.

Lots has happened over the break, and we would like to begin by giving a big congratulations to Maureen and Andrea for the arrivals of their new bundles of joy! We send our love and happiness to both families.

We would also like to give a warm welcome to our new families and students that have joined us over the holiday break. Prerana, Flora and Román, you are a great addition to the Pinon Pine class, and we are thrilled to have you here!



*New Student Prerana with the threading work.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT MONTH

### JANUARY

Important Dates to Remember:

- Teacher In-Service/ No School 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>
- School Resumes 3<sup>rd</sup>
- MLK Jr. Day/ No School 15<sup>th</sup>

### FEBRUARY

Important Dates to Remember:

- Valentine's Day Card Exchange 14<sup>th</sup>
- Presidents' Day/No School 15<sup>th</sup>

### MARCH

Important Dates to Remember:

- 3-6 Student Presentations 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
- 2-4 Parent Observations 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
- Parent/Teacher Conferences/ No School 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Break/No School 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>
- Vernal Holiday/No School 29<sup>th</sup>

# PINON PINE CLASSROOM

## CLASSROOM NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023

MS. TAMMY & MS. MICHELLE

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In **Science**, we learned about the layers of the earth using a clay model that we made from paper plates as an art project. The children got a chance to color all the layers of the earth using different colored paints.



*New Student Flora spooning rocks in the Practical life area.*

**November** was a busy month! The children had an opportunity to explore birds. We learned the parts of a bird and did an outside activity where the children listened to the sounds of the birds and collected sticks and leaves to make a bird nest. They seemed to really enjoy this activity!

In **Botany**, we talked about caring for plants. We discussed what they need to survive; water, soil and light.

**Highlight:** The children celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday by reading books and making special cards with their handprints.



*Kai participating in the making of the classroom gingerbread house.*

In **December**, we focused on animals that hibernate and the meaning of hibernation. We also studied the homes that animals hibernate in and learned about animal tracks. This month we made lots of holiday projects to take home as well!

In **January**, we will be learning about Arctic animals, where they live and how they survive in the cold, snowy weather. We will be looking at the arctic fox and creating lots of fun artwork involving these animals. The month will take us into studying the solar system and learning about our planets with fun songs and projects.



*Amias working with the solar system.*

A SPECIAL SHOUTOUT TO MS. MICHELLE FOR ALL HER HARD WORK IN PREPARING NEW WORKS AND ART ACTIVITIES FOR OUR CLASS!

# JUNIPER CLASSROOM

## CLASSROOM NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023

MS. RENEE AND MS. DINA

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It's 2024 and the beginning of a new year! We can't believe how quickly the first semester went by and how well the children are doing.



*Maxfield enjoying some outside time in the fall.*

In **November**, we were busy preparing for student presentations and conferences. The children enjoyed presenting what they were working on in the classroom. It was a great time to share special milestones with you.



*Anthony working on his art project for Thanksgiving.*



*Alexander working with the Christmas tree work.*



*Ava having some fun decorating her gingerbread cookie.*

December went by so fast and was filled with lots of fun activities. We enjoyed working on holiday projects as well as preparing for our Holiday concert. They were amazing!

**"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."**  
~Dr. Maria Montessori

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW YEAR AND WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL OUR NEW FRIENDS TO OUR CLASS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN AMAZING SEMESTER!



# JUNIPER CLASSROOM

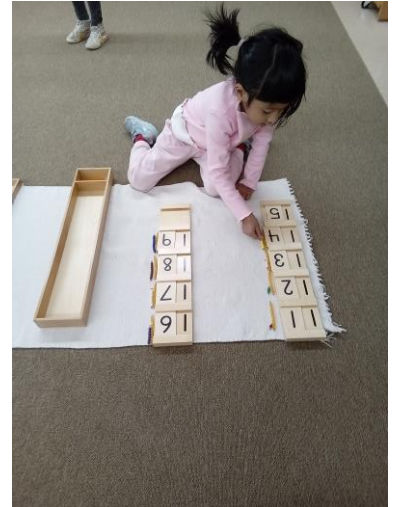
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*Ava completing her addition math work with the colored bead stair.*



*Gayatri working with the teen board.*

In the month of **January**, we will be focusing on getting reacclimated to the environment and back into our daily routine. After a long break, the children always return ready and eager to learn.



*Adalena working with the Knobbed cylinders 1-4 in the sensorial area of the classroom.*

In **Science**, we are going to be learning about the winter season and the different types of weather that we encounter. We will start our unit on space and explore our galaxy, the planets, the sun, the moon and the constellations. This unit is always a favorite.

We will also be working with magnets. The children will learn the difference between magnetic and non-magnetic and have fun working with the different materials in the classroom.

We will be starting our unit on animal tracks. The children will be learning facts about different animals that live in the mountains and investigate their tracks. This unit of study will lead us into Arctic and Antarctic animals that live where it is cold.



*Lars working with the number rods and cards.*

# DESERT WILLOW CLASSROOM

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Holiday artwork done by the students.



Harper getting a chance to present her work to her parents.

Our Student Presentations and Parent/Teacher conferences went well in **November**. The students always enjoy showing their work and it is always nice to have that time to visit with you. Around the Thanksgiving holiday, we took the time to reflect and remind ourselves what we are thankful for.



Olivia showing off her Thanksgiving art.

**December** was a fast-paced month that was full of excitement and anticipation for our holiday concert and craft projects. We took the month to learn about the 8 nights of Hanukkah and discussed how and why it is celebrated. We played the dreidel game and explored the traditional foods that are eaten on this holiday. We also took a trip around the world and looked at the various places and learned how they celebrated Christmas.

Our trip started in France, then we visited Germany, Norway, and Italy. Whether it was Père Noël, St. Nicholas, or Father Christmas, we learned that there were different ways children receive their gifts. From traditions, food and decorations, we looked at the differences and similarities that we share.

**Cultural:** The children were introduced to the continent of North America and learned about the geography, languages, food, famous landmarks and sports. In January, we will focus on our state, New Mexico, and learn fun facts about where we live.

**Botany:** The children learned the difference between Deciduous and Evergreen trees. We discussed which trees lose their leaves in the winter and which ones are needles and stay green all year. We also learned the parts of a Poinsettia flower. In January we will study the life cycle and the parts of a Pine tree. We will also study and explore what a Conifer tree is.

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*Liam using a transfer work in the practical life area.*

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**Science:** We started on the Layers of the Earth unit with an introduction to magnets (this emphasizes the pull of the Earth). **In January**, we will be learning about the Solar System and will be exploring our galaxy, the sun stars and the moon. We will also study snowflakes. Are they the same or different?



*Brooks exploring space with a work in the science area.*

**Zoology:** We have learned the classification and parts of a bird with an emphasis on the Turkey! We were introduced to parts of a feather and discussed what different birds use to build their nests.

**In January**, we will detect different animal tracks and find out what do animals do in the winter. We will also talk about what camouflage and hibernation mean.



*The Life cycle of a Pine Tree work done by the students.*

### Highlight:

January 25th will be our 100 days of school. That is if there is no impact due to the weather. A letter was sent home on January 3rd regarding the fun project that our class will be participating in.

In honor of the 100 days of school, we have been learning how to count by 10 and have been exchanging our 10-unit beads for a 10 bar. This has been a fun way of counting to 100.

WISHING EVERYONE A  
HEALTHY, PEACEFUL AND  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!



# MVM Parent Library

## Birthdays



## Pinon Pine

12/4 Violet G.  
12/27 Prerana  
1/23 Amias

## Juniper

12/2 Ava C.  
12/12 Gayatri  
1/17 Maxfield

## Desert Willow

12/27 Eden



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In case you didn't know, MVM has a small parent library! You are welcome to check out any of our books at any time. Below is the list of books we have:

### Montessori Life magazines

- "The Montessori Method" by Maria Montessori
- "Child of Mine" by Elyn Satter
- "The Absorbent Mind" by Maria Montessori
- "The Discovery of the Child" by Maria Montessori
- "The Secret of Childhood" by Maria Montessori
- "Montessori A Modern Approach" by Paula Polk Lillard
- "Maria Montessori Her Life And Work" by E.M. Standing
- "Your Child's Weight: Helping Without Harming"  
by Elyn Satter
- "The Essential Montessori" by Elizabeth G. Hainstock
- "Montessori The Science Behind The Genius"  
by Angeline Stoll Lillard
- "Montessori Madness" by Trevor Eissler
- "Open A World Of Possible" Edited by Lois Bridges
- "Montessori Comes To America" by Phyllis Povell
- "Why Should I Nurse My Baby?" by Pamela K. Wiggins
- "how to raise an Amazing Child The Montessori Way"  
by Tim Seldin
- "Practical Solutions to Practically Every Problem"  
by Steffen Saifer
- "Peace and Education" by Maria Montessori

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