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Ms. Rebeca

### **Pinon Pine Classroom**

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Ms. Donna G.

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## Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting your child as they participated in International Children's Day and the Wagner's Farmland Experience field trip! Both events were exciting and fun!

Also, kudos to those of you that have worked extra hard to get your child here by 9:00! We really appreciate the effort!

~ MVM Staff

## Reminders:

- \* Please drop your child off between 8:45 – 9:00am.
- \* Read all information sent home.
- \* No Peanuts allowed at MVM.
- \* Sign your child in and out on the My Kidz Day Tablet.
- \* Make sure all outerwear has your child's name on it.

Thank you,  
MVM Staff

Families, if you are in the front foyer, please don't let strangers in. Instead, please get an MVM staff member to greet the stranger at the door. Thanks!

## Montessori Spotlight – Practical Life

The Practical Life area of the classroom is designed to help children gain control and develop independence for themselves.

Practical Life covers Control of Body, Care of Environment, Care of Self, and Grace & Courtesy as listed below.

These lessons also begin the process for a child to focus and concentrate, which will benefit them when they begin the more academic work.



## Montessori Practical Life Checklist

provided by **SUGAR • SPICE & GLITTER**

### Preliminary Exercises

- walking around the mat
- standing quietly
- sitting down and getting up from the floor
- sitting down and getting up from a chair
- carrying a chair
- carrying a table

- carrying trays or boxes
- carrying a bucket
- carrying a jug (fill and empty it)
- opening and closing drawers
- opening and closing a door

### Primary Lessons

- removing & matching lids on boxes/bottles
- using tongs
- water transfer (baster to eye-dropper)
- locks and keys
- pouring water #1 - jug to jug
- pouring water #2 - jug to glass
- pouring water #3 - jug to glasses
- pouring water #4 - jug to glasses at various levels
- pouring water #5 - jug to tea cup and saucer
- spooning
- whisking

- nuts and bolts
- using a screwdriver
- washing hand at a tap
- squeezing a sponge
- wringing a cloth
- pouring rice
- carrying, rolling, and unrolling mats
- folding cloths
- paper punch
- pin poking
- tweezers

### Care of the Environment

- sweeping
- brushing mats
- dusting
- sponging up spills
- polishing glass
- polishing wood
- polishing metal
- washing a table
- washing linen
- Sewing a button

- folding clothes
- care of plants
- flower arranging
- lighting a match
- cutting snippets
- cutting lined paper
- cutting newsprint
- pasting
- making a braid

### Care of the Self

- washing hands and nails
- brushing clothes
- hanging clothes on a hanger
- cleaning shoes
- large button dressing frame
- small button dressing frame
- snap dressing frame
- zipper dressing frame
- hooks and eyes dressing frame
- bow dressing frame

- buckle dressing frame
- safety pin dressing frame
- shoe lacing dressing frame
- buttons with hook
- blowing nose
- cutting
- spreading
- peeling (carrots, etc)
- juicing

### Grace & Courtesy

- making way for someone to pass
- interrupting someone
- sneezing, yawning, coughing
- walking on the line
- The Silence Game

- greeting and introducing
- offering to a guest
- giving and receiving compliments
- interrupting someone
- sneezing, yawning, coughing



# Mountain View Support



## Scholastic Reading Club

MVM is inviting you to join the Scholastic Reading Club! Early literacy begins with a love of books. What better way to develop your child's early literacy skills than a new book? Our school earns Bonus Points each time books are ordered. The Bonus Points help us obtain free books and classroom materials for your child's learning environment. Remember to check your parent mailbox for order forms that go out every month. Order online using the code on the back of the form (LGGYF)!

## Box Tops for Education

Thank you to everyone that has donated Box Top Labels. You raised \$35.00 for the school this fall!

MVM will now be collecting box tops through the scan receipt option. Please download the app to help the school. For more information please visit the box top website at [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com). Thank you again for your support!

## Birthday Celebrations



### October Birthdays

Madison – 3<sup>rd</sup>

### November Birthdays

Sophia – 19th

Samuel – 19th



# Desert Willow

Ms. Wendy & Ms. Thari



**Pumpkin patch:** What a picture-perfect day it turned out to be. The children seemed to have fun running through the corn maze looking for the flags to punch their map cards. I'm not sure how many looked at the corn growing. On to the pumpkin patch, where big decisions needed to be made, which pumpkin do I really want to take home? Finally, name on the pumpkin, it's yours and we are ready for the hayride. A quick stop to see the animals, lunch and running around with friends. It was nice to see our families gathering together, introducing I am ... mother, father or grandparent. Thank you for a lovely morning.

## Units of Studies:

**Cultural:** October started with learning the parts of a hot air balloon (in celebration of the balloon fiesta). The children watched the process of blowing up a balloon using an acid and a base. Lots of fiction and non-fiction books, pictures and of course balloon cards to enhance the beauty of this magical time in Albuquerque, New Mexico. (acknowledging our city and state) November teachings will focus on the countries of North America and the First Thanksgiving. The children will share what they are grateful for.

**Botany:** We explored the parts of a leaf, learned two new words and their meanings. Chlorophyll and Photosynthesis. We will be experimenting with color mixing by doing several science experiments and hands on materials will be available for the children to explore. Watch for the leaves turning colors. November studies will be parts of a tree and what functions they play in our environment.

**Science:** We have studied the terminology related to the human skeleton. In doing so, we learned we have 206 bones in our body. We also enjoyed fun activities that helped us remember the name of our bones. The children had a lot of fun with the song; skull, clavicle, scapula etc.! Ask them to sing it to you. Best word, phalanges!! Our continued studies in November will be parts of our inner body and their functions.

**Zoology:** In studying the parts of the horse, the children thought it was funny that we (humans) were classified as mammals. We learned the parts of the horse and talked about various mammals including the unlikely; Dolphins/Whales, Bats, and an Armadillo to name some. November studies will be the classification and parts of a Bird.

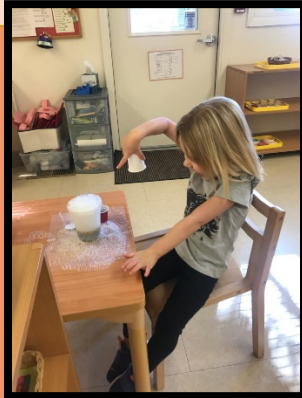
In November we are looking forward to you observing your child's presentation of his/her works and look forward to discussing their development during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

With our continued support,

Ms. Wendy & Ms. Thari

# Juniper

Ms. Donna & Ms. Sujani



Dear Parents,

It's officially Fall! Our class will be busy exploring parts of the body and the world around us. We are looking forward to parent teacher conferences where we will get the opportunity to discuss your child's social and academic progress. Please be on the lookout for the signup sheet.

## Botany:

With the cooler weather we are finally seeing the leaves change color. This gives us the opportunity to investigate parts of a leaf, and why leaves change color.

## Cultural:

In November, we will discuss the first Thanksgiving and how the Native American tribes helped the first English settlers survive their new environment. We will also learn about and take a closer look at Native American tribes that live closer to us.

## Geography:

For Geography, we will be looking closer to home. Where in the world do we live? North America, United States, New Mexico, and Albuquerque. We will do our best to make sense of it all!

## Zoology:

This season we will begin our study of birds. This will include learning the parts of a bird and how birds prepare for winter.

## Science:

Our goal in science is to encourage the children to ask questions, explore, investigate and conclude. If it seems as if our experiments are all over the place, it's probably because they are! When a child asks a "what if" question we do our best to match that question to a hands-on experiment. Most of all we hope these experiments are fun! We will continue to do our best to send you pictures in the mykidzday app.

## Language and Math:

Each child is on an individualized language and math plan. We will discuss this further with you during parent teacher conferences.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, November 15th for student presentations!

-Ms. Donna and Ms. Sujani



# Pinon Pine

Ms. Renee, Ms. Tami & Ms. Sam



Fall is here and the weather is changing! It's amazing how quickly this semester is going by. The children are doing great and we are becoming more and more normalized as a class. This time of the year is so much fun. The pumpkin patch was a great community event and it was nice to see the children out of the school environment, enjoying a beautiful day outdoors.

October has been filled with so much learning and discovering!

Science: we have been investigating how our skeleton is surrounded by muscles and controlled by our nervous system.

Botany: we have introduced the parts of a leaf and had fun collecting different leaves for our observation tray. We have been talking about the season change and how the leaves have started to change color and fall from the trees.

Art: the children enjoyed learning about hot air balloons and decorating their own. They also enjoyed making and working with homemade play dough during our Art Enrichment time.

In November, we will continue our botany study on leaves and learn about the names of different kinds of trees that they come from.

Zoology: we will be learning about the parts of the bird and with a focus on the feathers.

We have recently introduced different forms of transportation. Sorting where various forms of transportation travel on the land, in the air or in the water.

Some changes have been made to our daily routine. We are conducting circle time before lunch, starting lunch at 11:15am and then going outside. The change allows us to have a longer, uninterrupted work cycle with less transition as well as giving the children a little more time to run around before getting picked up or going down for rest time.

We are looking forward to meeting with you during the upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences. Prior to conferences, we are asking that you drop in November 19<sup>th</sup> – November 21<sup>st</sup> between 9:30 – 10:30 am to observe your child working in the classroom. **This is in lieu of "Student Presentations" on November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for sharing your beautiful children with us,  
Ms. Renee, Ms. Tami, & Ms. Sam

# Aftercare

## 2-4 Ms. Rebeca



## 2-4 Class

In the 2-4 classroom the children have been working with Ms. Rebeca doing art, music, practicing their Spanish, and they did a special fall spider craft in honor of October.

In November, we will be adding Ms. Donna G. back to aftercare. She will be working in the 2-4 classroom from 10:30 am – 6:00pm.

Ms. Rebeca will be assisting in both classrooms.

## 3-6 Class

In October, we worked on learning new songs and vocabulary in Spanish. We also worked on using abstract shapes to make landscape collages. They have been enjoying participating in theater/role playing when we act out tasks on the playground, such as grocery shopping and taking care of someone who is sick.

In November, I will be introducing sculpture techniques to the children. We also will be learning about the First Nations here in New Mexico. I want to continue doing some of our theater/role playing activities in After Care as well. At the end of the month, I will introduce print making. I look forward to exploring more art medias with the children and learning more about various cultures in New Mexico.

## 3-6 Ms. Sam





## MVM International Children's Day & Wagner's Field Trip!







**11/15/19** – Student presentations.

**11/25 & 11/26** – Parent/ Teacher Conferences – No School.

**11/27 – 11/29** – Thanksgiving Break – No School.



**12/2/19** – No School – Teacher In-service.

**12/13/19** – School Concert – School closes at 1:00pm.

**12/23/19** – Winter Break – School Resumes on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Joy, feeling one's own value, being appreciated and loved by others, feeling useful and capable of production are all factors of enormous value for the human soul.

~ Maria Montessori

# Office News

Ms. Susan

Happy Fall!

I appreciate everyone's patience as we figure out the My Kidz Day app. It is still a work in progress.

International Children's Day was a huge success! Thank you to the families, children and staff that made it possible! The traditional clothing was fabulous! The songs were amazing and warmed my heart. These little ones are truly the best!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the pumpkin patch field trip. I heard it was fun and exciting for the children!

Also, Kudos to those of you that attended our Family Education Night. We hope you were able to take away a nugget of new knowledge from our presenter, Lyndi Spears, about using Montessori to deal with those power struggles that come up.

**This November we have some important events happening for parents.**

- ❖ **Student Presentations on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:30pm, for the 3-6 Juniper and Desert Willow classrooms only.** This is your opportunity to see the work your child has been completing in the classroom. Since Montessori is a hands-on, concrete learning philosophy it is important for you to experience their work in person.
- ❖ **The 2-4 Pinon Pine classroom will be doing Parent Observations** in leu of presentations. Parents are invited to drop in between November 19<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> around 9:30 -10:30 am at your convenience.
- ❖ **Parent/ Teacher Conferences will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> For all classrooms. Please be watching for sign- up sheets.**

Thanksgiving Break is November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>. (the 2<sup>nd</sup> being a Teacher In – Service Day).

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Susan

## FALL PHOTOS

**Frank Frost Photos will be here by the middle of November.** Just in time for the holiday season.



We appreciate your dedication to your child/ren and our school!

Thank you for being a part of the MVM family and making this school a success!

