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MVM Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We are excited to be back at school! The teachers have been very busy preparing for a wonderful new semester of interesting discoveries and learning!

We want to welcome new staff members, Sujani and Sam! We are thrilled to have them join our MVM family!

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 with a complete signature.**

**Thank you,
MVM Staff**

Language

<http://www.infomontessori.com/language/introduction.htm>

The Language Development of the Child

When the child arrives in the Montessori classroom, he has fully absorbed his culture's language. He has already constructed the spoken language and with his entry into the classroom, he will begin to consolidate the spoken language and begin to explore the written forms of language. Because language is an integral involvement in the process of thinking, the child will need to be spoken to and listened to often. The child will need a broad exposure to language, with correct articulation, enunciation, and punctuation. The child will need to experience different modes of language and to hear and tell stories. Most importantly, the child needs to feel free and be encouraged to communicate with others. With the child's absorbent mind, the child by age six will have reached the 3rd point of consciousness in language where he understands that sounds and words have meaning and that these symbols can be used in writing. He will become fully articulate, he will be able to express himself in writing, he will be able to read with ease, and have a full comprehension of the thoughts of others.

The Prepared Environment

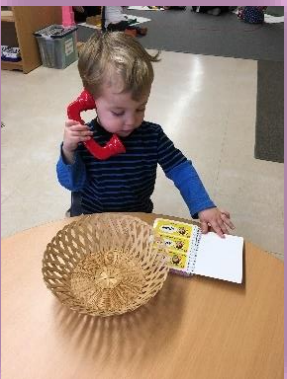
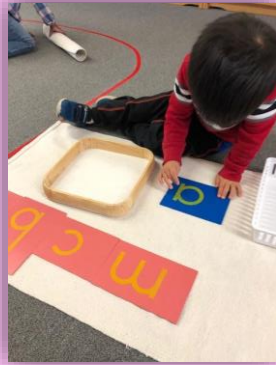
To help the child in his development in language, the Montessori classroom is designed to help the child reach the 3rd period of consciousness. Because the learning of language is not done through subjects as in a normal classroom, the child is learning at his own rhythm. This allows the child to concentrate on the learning of each important step in language so that each progressive step is done easily and without any thought on the part of the child. The special material also plays an important role in aiding the child develop the powers of communication and expression, of organization and classification, and the development of thought.

But the most important tool in the child's learning of language lies within the directress. She must support the child in his learning, give him order to classify what he has learned, to help the child build self-confidence, and to provide the child with meaningful activities. The directress is the child's best source in language development.

Language Completions of the First Plane

As the child leaves the Montessori classroom after the age of six, he will have become an articulate person, being able to communicate his feelings in well-formed sentences and in writing. He will be able to write these thoughts and feelings in a skillful handwriting. He will have the ability to write in different styles and about a variety of subjects. The child will have total reading and a sense of the home language at a level where he will be the master of his words."

Montessori Spotlight



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 \$45.00 for the school this fall!

MVM will be collecting box tops for spring of 2019. The more points we obtain, the more we can supply our school. Every little bit helps! Thank you!

Birthday Celebrations



January Birthdays

Leo - 4th

Savannah - 27th

Nora - 29th

February Birthdays

Logan - 18th

Desert Willow

Ms. Wendy & Ms. Donna G.



We hope everyone had a joyous holiday season! What an amazing holiday concert we had! Thank you all for your participation! We would like to thank you for your thoughtful gifts and warm holiday greetings!

Wow! It has been a great beginning to the start of the New Year and second semester! We are glad to report that we are on track and ready to forge ahead.

Unit of Study: This month in our cultural units we will be learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and his "Dream". We will expand on the possibilities of harmony and peace among people. Through problem solving and role playing, a lot of compassion and understanding of mankind will be shared. February is filled with holidays. We'll start the month with Ground Hog Day and learn if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow or not!

Botany: A review of deciduous and evergreen trees will start our unit of winter plants, bulbs, parts of a tree and what do trees give us?

Cultural: We will discuss the traditions of the Chinese New Year and learn our zodiac sign. Valentine's Day is always a special day of sharing, caring and learning how the holiday was named. President's Day brings the studies of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, we will discuss the job a President does and how we have similar "laws" at school. We will also learn about Rosa Parks, Harriett Tubman, and Jackie Robinson for Black History month.

Zoology: In Zoology our studies will be on arctic animals, with an emphasis on the life cycle of the Emperor penguins. We will discuss the difference between the Adelie, Macaroni, Rockhopper, and the Fairy penguins. Our next unit is reptiles. We will learn the classification of a reptile and study the parts of a turtle. We cannot study reptiles without learning about the dinosaurs who roamed our Earth. The children have so much to share when we study this unit, which will continue into March!

Science: In Science we will be doing some experiments growing crystals and looking at salt and sugar with a magnifying glass. The children will discover that salt grains are shaped like cubes and that sugar grains are irregular shapes. We will be studying the solar system, our galaxy, the order of the planets and what they are made of. We will even discuss Pluto and the ice planets past Pluto. In February, we will review the inner Earth, which will lead to our study of volcanoes. February is also National Dental Month. We will discuss how to take care of our teeth and learn how many baby and adult teeth we have, the names of our teeth, and their function.

Juniper

Ms. Donna, Ms. Sujani, & Ms. Sam



Welcome back! We would like to wish you all a very happy new year. We hope your holidays were enjoyable and relaxing. A big thank you to everyone for the generous gifts and gift cards to Pink Montessori. The children are very excited to try out all the new materials.

It's hard to believe that it's already January but we have hit the ground running. The kids are hard at work and have settled back into the routine of things.

Geography: January will take us on a journey to the polar regions. We have already begun discussing what animals do in the winter. Do they hibernate, migrate or adapt? Our kindergarteners will follow this up with their much-anticipated research projects.

Botany: Botany will have us discussing what grows in the tundra. The tundra may be a cold, treeless frozen land but there is plant life! We will talk about shallow root systems and what it takes for plants to survive in such harsh terrain.

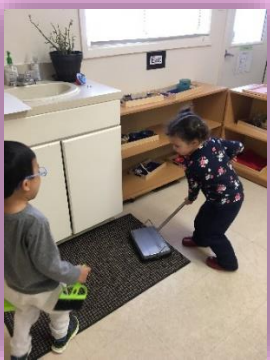
Science: In science we are experimenting with magnets. This will lead us into our study of the solar system. Learning about planets is always a popular subject.

Cultural: Our cultural studies will be busy with the upcoming holidays. We will do our best to cover them all! Martin Luther King Jr., Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Presidents day... Whew! A lot of fun to cover in just two months.

Language: Has your child started clapping out words? If so then you have probably already figured out that we have been working on syllables. We are having a lot of fun trying to find 5 syllable words (so far, our favorite is abominable). So, keep clapping and please let us know if you find a 5-syllable word!

Pinon Pine

Ms. Renee, Ms. Tami, & Ms. Rebeca



We can't believe it's 2019 and we're approaching February. The semester is off to a great start and the children are doing great! Ms. Tami, Ms. Rebeca and I would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful gifts during the Holidays. We are very appreciative, THANK YOU!!

With all the gift cards that we received from Pink Montessori we have expanded on both the Sensorial and Math areas of the classroom and have added more advanced Montessori materials. The children are motivated to move forward and eager to receive new lessons.

In Zoology we are learning about Arctic animals. The children have enjoyed learning a penguin song in circle and making paper cup penguins in our art enrichment. We are also learning about the animals that live in our mountains and discussing hibernation. We have compared the differences and similarities between the animals here in North America and the animals in the Arctic regions.

In Science we are learning about the Solar System. We have learned that the Milky Way is just one galaxy in our great big universe, how Pluto is no longer considered a planet and that the sun is the biggest star which is made up of different gasses. Our discussion on the topic brought up the discussion on the differences between the gasses in the sun and the gas that is in our bodies. It was an interesting discussion!

In February we will start our zoology unit on reptiles with a focus on the parts of the turtle and dinosaurs. This unit is always a favorite and we are looking forward to a fun filled month!

Aftercare

Ms. Thari, Ms. Rebeca, & Ms. Sam



Dear Parents,

Aftercare children have been busy making winter themed projects with science and art. Some examples of these are the “Making Snow” experiment, building a snowman, and penguin crafts.

In Botany, the children will be learning about parts of a tree and they will make a tree using their handprints for art.

In Zoology, we will be reading books about frogs and snakes, then the children will be create a “frog pond”.

In Science, children will be doing a group project on “erupting volcanos” and making a “salt volcano” in a jar.

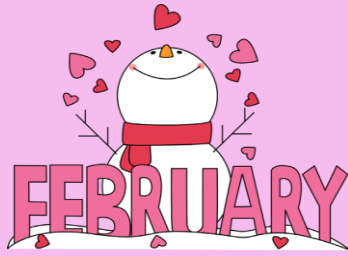
Around Valentine’s day the children will be making cookies and Valentine “bug” fruit cups. They will be introduced to some recipes from South America. All cooking projects will continue to teach the children about standard units of measurements.

Other art projects for the following weeks include a “Marble Heart” project and a “brushing teeth” activity using a laminated tooth poster and dry erase marker for the stains.

While the weather is cold, we will be inside more. During inside time, we will be doing various games, music, and dance. The children seem to really enjoy these gross motor movement activities!

MVM Special Events





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| 17 | 18 No School – Presidents | 19 | 20 | 21 Old Tyme Photos | 22 Student Presentations | 23 |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences | 8 No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences | 9 |
| 10 | 11 No School – Spring Break | 12 >>>>>>>> | 13 >>>>>>>> | 14 >>>>>>>> | 15 >>>>>>>> | 16 |
| 17 | 18 No School – Teacher In- service Day | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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Office News

Ms. Susan

Welcome back MVM families!

I want to thank you for your generosity during the holiday season! The clothing donation was a success, as well as the “special teacher” project! MVM families are the BEST!

I also want to thank all our Friday parents for making the Pizza Card a success! It certainly was a great transition! We appreciate your participation!

Here are some important dates coming up for enrollment for the next school year:

1. 2/15/19 – intent to re-enroll forms turned in.
2. 1/15 – 3/19 – Early Bird registration discount available (\$269.69).
3. 3/20 – full price registration (\$539.38).
4. 4/1 – Open enrollment for new families.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- ❖ 2/18 – No school – President’s Day
- ❖ 2/21 – Old Time Photos
- ❖ 2/22 – Student Presentations 3:00 – 4:30pm
- ❖ 3/7 – 3/8 – No School – Parent/ Teacher conferences.
- ❖ 3/11 – 3/15 – No school – Spring Break
- ❖ 3/18 – No School – Teacher In-Service Day
- ❖ 4/12 – St. Judes Trike-A-Thon

SPRING PHOTOS

Vintage Photography will be here on February 21, 2019. All children will have their photo taken, proofs will be brought to the school, then you will order the photos you want.



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!