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MVM Newsletter

January - February 2020

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the gift giving you did during the holiday season! We appreciate your kindness and generosity! The children have really enjoyed all the new materials that you provided! MVM families, you're the BEST!

January flew by so fast! We really enjoyed the Frank Leto field trip; it was a success!

~ 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 – Sensorial



Mountain View Support



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. Thank you again for your 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)!

Birthday Celebrations



January Birthdays

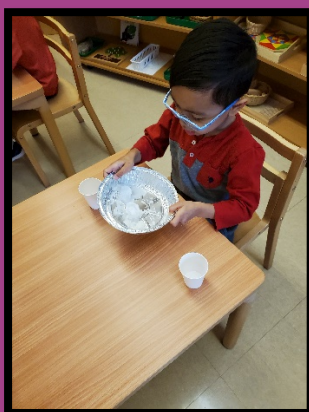
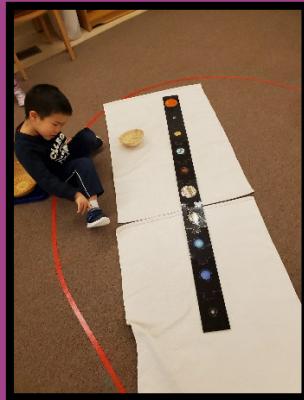
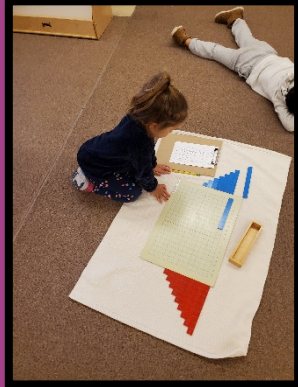
Leo - 1/4
Ryker B. - 1/9
Peyton - 1/26
Savannah - 1/27
Nora - 1/29

February Birthdays

Rosalie St. Cyr - 2/5
Logan - 2/18

Desert Willow

Ms. Wendy & Ms. Thari



Dear Parents, Wow! What a great beginning to the start of a New Year, and second semester! We are glad to report that we are back on track and ready to forge ahead. We would like to thank you for your thoughtful gifts that will enhance our classroom, extra bonus gifts and your warm Holiday Greetings.

What an amazing Holiday Concert the children delivered! Thank you for attending!

Units of Study: This month in our cultural units we will discuss Martin Luther King Jr., and his "Dream." The children will expand on the possibilities of harmony and peace among people. Through problem solving and role play we will foster compassion and understanding of citizenship, and how to be a peaceful member of our classroom. February is filled with holidays. We'll start the month with Ground Hog Day and learn if Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow or not!

In Cultural: A visit to the continent of Asia with an emphasis on China. We'll discuss the traditions of the Chinese New Year and learn our Chinese 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 learn about Rosa Parks, Harriett Tubman, and Jackie Robinson for Black History month.

In Zoology: We have been discovering Antarctica. We began the unit with an emphasis on the live cycle of the Emperor Penguins. The children are fascinated by how the father takes the egg from the mother penguin and cares for it on his feet for two months, without eating, meanwhile the mother penguin journeys back to sea to eat and bring back food for the chick. We learned the difference between the Adélie penguins and the Emperor penguins. Some other penguins we talked about are the Macaroni, Rockhopper and the Fairy, which is the smallest penguin.

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 with this unit so it will continue into March.

In Science: In January, we did some experiments growing crystals and looking at salt and sugar with a magnifying glass. The children discovered that the salt is shaped like cubes while the sugar crystals are irregular shapes. We also made our own snow and moon dust.

February is National Dental month and we will have a speaker visit to talk about caring for our teeth. In class, we will learn how many baby and adult teeth we have, the names of our teeth, parts of a tooth and their function. We have new hands on materials for the children to explore which will enhance their learning.

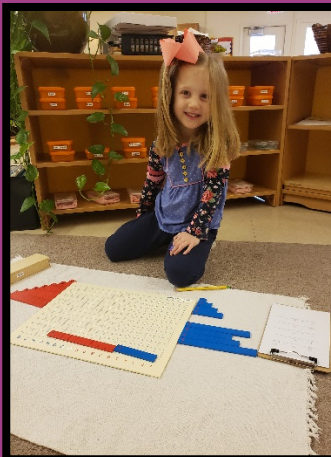
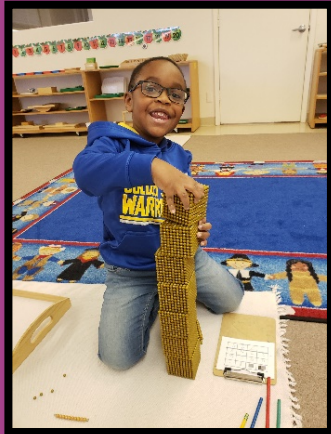
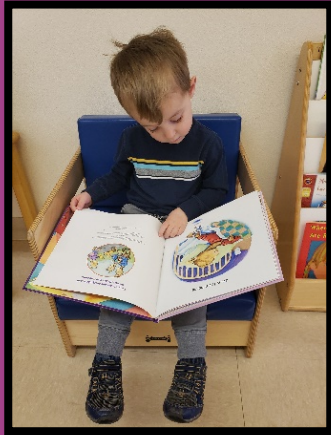
What makes up the solar system, our galaxy, the order of the planets including Pluto, and what they are made of? We will review the inner earth which will lead to our study of volcanoes and tie in nicely with our dinosaur activities.

We also welcomed Camden and Colton, who come to us from the 2-4 classroom! We are so excited to get to know them!

Ms. Wendy & Ms. Thari

Juniper

Ms. Donna & Ms. Sujani



Dear Parents,
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. We were able to purchase new materials for our classroom that we are sure the children will enjoy!

Geography: January has taken us on a journey to the polar regions. We are discussing what animals do in the winter. Do they hibernate, migrate or adapt? In February we will start our study of Asia.

Botany: A big thank you to Caiden for the botany cabinet! We are exploring the different shapes of leaves and trying to match them to the trees we have on our playground ...this will be much easier in the spring!

Science: Science experiments continue to be an exciting time for our class. Galaxy slime, ice penguins and science/art have topped the list! We will continue to plan science experiments based on the children's interests.

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 President's day, Phew! A lot of fun to cover in just a couple of months.

Zoology: Our next unit will be reptiles. Lizards, snakes and turtles oh my! Reptiles are a favorite and when you add in dinosaurs this could take some time!

Language: Each child is on their own individual path to becoming a reader. In group we do a sound of the week and are working on short a blending. If your child is a reader and takes home a book from the Jan and Pam series, please make sure you allow them to read to you at home. Some of the most difficult words are the "sight words". Repetition and practice will help to build confidence.

We would like to welcome Callum, James, and Ezra B. into our classroom.

-Ms. Donna and Ms. Sujani

Pinon Pine

Ms. Renee & Ms. Tami



2-4

It's hard to believe that January is almost over, and February is approaching. The children are getting back into their routine and off to a great start to 2020!

First off, we would like to thank all the families for your support and the generosity that was expressed during the holidays. We were able to purchase several new materials for the classroom that the children are enjoying and putting to good use. Thank you!

This month in Zoology we have been learning about arctic animals. The children have enjoyed working with small animals, doing matching works and learning the names of the animals that live in the arctic regions. They were excited to make Polar Bears for our art enrichment!

In Science we are learning about our solar system and the different planets. We have also learned that the sun is a giant star and that the galaxy we live in is the Milky Way. The children have enjoyed listening to songs about the planets and working in the science area of the classroom with the planet and solar system work.

In February, we will begin a unit on Reptiles. First, the children will learn the parts of the turtle and the difference between a turtle and a tortoise. We will also study dinosaurs and explore fun facts and theories that scientists have made about them. This is always a favorite unit of study for the children.

We would like to welcome some new friends, Eden, Konrad, and Colton G.. We are excited to have you join our classroom!

We also said goodbye to Camden and James who have moved up to the bigger classrooms. We wish them all the best in their new classrooms!

We anticipate an amazing semester and look forward to assisting in the children's continued growth!

Ms. Renee, Ms. Tami, & Ms. Sam

Aftercare

2-4 Ms. Donna



3-6 Ms. Sam & Ms. Rebeca



2-4 Class

In January, the aftercare students enjoyed working with playdough. They also made a snowman and penguins. In February, we will be exploring music and movement to focus on their gross motor skills. Also, in February, we will be working with magic sand (kinetic sand), shaving cream and paint for various fun sensory experiences.

3-6 Class

In January, the aftercare class began a study of the solar system, investigating snowflakes, and working on story telling. We also had grace and courtesy lessons in circle and made the planets in our solar system for our art project.

We will continue in February with storytelling by helping the children put their stories down on paper. We will also explore what makes up Earth and learn more about the life of an astronaut.

The children really enjoy the art area, so we will be adding various mediums to the aftercare art shelves.

Science Explosion!





2/14/2020 – Valentine’s day card exchange

2/17/2020 – President’s Day – No School

TBD – Dentist Visit



3/13/2020 – Student Presentations 3-6 rooms

3/ 26 & 3/27 Parent Teacher Conferences – no School.

3/30 – 4/7 – Spring Break



Office News

Ms. Susan

Dear Families,

This Spring will be a busy time here at MVM. Intent to re-enroll forms for summer and next year are due Feb. 14th, 2020. Next school year we will be following the APS traditional calendar. Please note that there will be a slight increase in tuition and/or fees for next school year. This increase is to provide a more livable wage for our staff, to help us keep our highly qualified teachers, and to help with consumable supplies. We appreciate your understanding as we move forward into the next school year.

The children have been very busy this January. The classrooms have really stepped up to the challenge of adding in more science. We have gone through an incredible amount of baking soda, vinegar, and other various ingredients. It's exciting to see the children so eager and engaged!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Frank Leto field trip. He is certainly a fabulous entertainer!

This Spring we have some important events happening for parents.

- ❖ **Student Presentations on March 13th, 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 lieu of presentations. Parents are invited to drop in between March 23rd and March 25th around 9:30 -10:30 am at your convenience.
- ❖ **Parent/ Teacher Conferences will be held on March 26th & 27th For all classrooms.**
- ❖ **Spring Break is March 30th – April 7th.** (the 6th being a Teacher In – Service Day).

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

Happy Spring, Susan

VALENTINE'S DAY



On Valentine's day we will do a card exchange.

Please help your child decorate their own valentine mailbox.

Your child will need to bring in enough Valentines cards for their class. Please write **"To: a friend"** on their Valentine's cards, this helps expedite the delivery process.

Please bring the box and cards to school by Feb. 13th.

MVM will also provide a yummy treat for snack time that day.



Enrichments – Spanish, Dance, P.E., and Music

