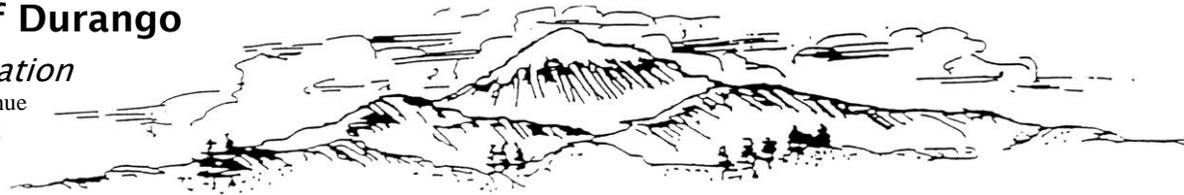


# Children's House of Durango

## Montessori Education

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# Monthly Newsletter: November, 2018

This year's Harvest Festival was a hit! Thank you to all the parents who donated and/or volunteered. Also, thank you to all of the parents who chaperoned on the October field trip to the library. We couldn't do it without you!

## What have the students been doing? What do they have to look forward to this month?

### Blue room

The students have been working on:

- Writing numerals using the proper formation
- 1 to 1 correspondence for 0-10
- Extensions for the sensorial materials
- Size discrimination vocabulary
- Using shapes to practice vocabulary and correct pencil grip

This month we will be introducing:

- Distinguishing between patterns and symmetry
- Linear counting using the bead cabinet
- 1-to-1 correspondence for numerals 0-20

### Red room

The students have been working on

- Harvest activities
- Practical life work involving tweezing, poring with a funnel, and buttoning.
- Practicing parts of the face and body using the flannel board and through songs
- Spanish greetings, the calendar, numbers & colors

This month we will be introducing

- Clothing vocabulary in Spanish (la ropa)
- Practical life exploration through multi-step activities
- Dressing frames, weaving, packing a suitcase, and introduction to shoe lacing and tying.
- grinding corn with the mortar and pestle

### Green room

The students have been working on

- Lots of stencil drawings
- Copying from drawing booklets
- Distinguishing between primary and secondary colors
- Continuing to practice cutting, gluing, and caring for materials to refine skills.

This month we will be introducing

- Easel painting
- Using texture plates to create texture in drawings

### Rainbow room

The students have been working on

- Leaves, Earth's layers, volcanos, fossils, and dinosaurs.
- Language development through phonetic sounds and concepts such as beginning, middle and end sounds.
- Focus on vowels and consonants
- Pencil grip and letter formation
- The Kindergarteners have been keeping track of the number of school days with a timeline and calendar.

This month we will be introducing

- Continents; focusing on Europe
- Forests and mammals; weather and seasons
- The various rocks and minerals that make up the Earth's surface.
- The mailbox will be introduced to foster writing as a form of communication
- Kindergarteners will start sight words

For Your  
Calendar

**Nov 8: Children's House  
Family Reunion and  
Fundraiser at Ska 5-8pm**

**Nov 19-23: Closed  
For Thanksgiving  
Vacation**

**Dec 19 & 20:  
Cultural Celebrations!**

## FYIs and Upcoming Events:

We have chosen **Italy and Indigenous American Cultures** to study for this year's **Cultural Celebrations**. If you have any items such as postcards, artifacts, clothing, etc. you would like to lend us, please bring them in by the beginning of December. More information regarding our cultural celebrations will be provided in the December newsletter.

We would also like to let parents know that Becca will be collecting some of the students' art work for our **Annual Student Art Show** in the spring. Please remind your children not to take work from the blue tray or magnet board in the green room at the end of the day. Becca will be placing the students' work in their bins once she has had the opportunity to look through it and select the pieces she wants to save.

**Children's House Family Reunion and Fundraiser** will be November 8th at Ska from 5-8pm! Tickets are \$15 (drink and raffle ticket included) and music by Lost Souls. [See you there!](#)

We will be **CLOSED** Monday through Friday, **November 19 – 23** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Reminders:

### Shutterfly:

We have been posting **lots of pictures** on our Shutterfly site and there are *many reminders* we send out through that site as well! If you have not yet used our Shutterfly account you can set it up anytime - invitations were sent by email at the beginning of the year. Feel free to check in with Katy or Stacy if you have any questions!

### Winter Necessities:

With winter on its way, it is important for your child to have a **warm coat clearly labeled** with his or her name for recess.

When the snow arrives, **we ask that your child have the following items (clearly labeled) at school each day: warm waterproof gloves/mittens, a hat, boots, and snowsuit.**

We will only be venturing outside after lunch (12:00-1:00 p.m.) on snowy days.

We also request that parents bring in a bag (a reusable grocery bag works well) with all your child's winter items in it. Please hang it on one of their homeroom hooks in the bin room. This enables them to find their things easily and allows them to carry their items all at once when it is time to dress for recess. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Water Bottles:

We want to remind parents that we are encouraging students to keep water bottles in their bins to use throughout the day. We ask that these bottles only contain water and are brought home at the end of each week for cleaning.

## Cook's Corner

**Please remember to sign-up to bring in some snack items one morning a month and also one afternoon a month if your child stays past 3:00 p.m.**

**Thank you!!**