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# Nest Notes

January 18, 2019

Happy New Year!

We have had two wonderful weeks of settling back into our routine and sense of order. We always love to see how much the children grow during these two weeks we are away from each other. We also begin to meet new friends and welcome them into our environment. This week we welcome Emmitt into our classroom family. So many transitions as we also have friends moving up and also starting full day!

We came into the environment with some new lessons on the shelf which made for a busy week working with them as well as with lessons the children already love and know. New to the children are the button and snap frames. With these activities, the children practice how to unbutton and button and unsnap and snap, skills they will use to dress themselves. Our twisting and turning lesson, which is a very large bolt with a very large nut, has been a busy lesson as the child learns how to take the nut off the bolt and put it back on. We learn language such as “bolt”, “nut”, “twist”, and “threads”. We also have a table-setting lesson in our picnic basket which holds a table mat with outlined spots for a napkin, plate, cup, fork, and spoon.



The children love to make their own guacamole. We put our avocados to great use as we mashed them and enjoyed our simple dip.

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## Nest Notes Continued...

Our supply of wipes are beginning to get low and are in need re-supply. Please, we need everyone to bring in one large refill package. This should hopefully get us through the end of our year.

Thank you to the Mennick Family for their donation of the radio flyer tricycle and platform. The children love it!!



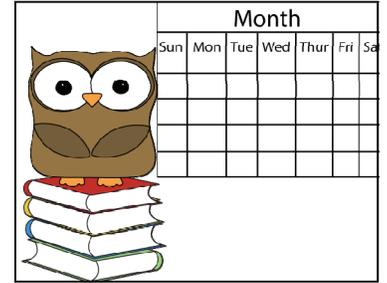
We cannot create observers by saying 'observe', but by giving them the power and the means for this observation and these means are procured through education of the senses.

Maria Montessori



## Dates to Remember

Our shoe drive for the Selby Preschool is coming soon. Every year our school sponsors this Valentine's shoe drive of love. Families can choose a heart with information about an individual child, then purchase a pair of shoes for that child. The kindergartners have the pleasure of delivering the shoes to the Selby children, then share in playground time and lunch with them. It is always a beautiful act of kindness and love experienced each year. The hearts will be available in our office on February 1.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,  
Christine and Rosa



Never help a child with a task at  
which he feels he can succeed.

**Maria Montessori**