Dear Parents,

January 31th

We are so happy to report how busy we have been with everyone back this week! It is wonderful to experience everyone feeling well! In hopes that we all stay well, we will begin baking again next week.

We have been introducing many different lessons as well as transitioning with our new friends into our environment. We continue to remember that when we change a child’s routine in any way this is considered a transition. When it is a consistent change, we expect the child to be fully transitioned into the new routine within six to ten weeks.

The children have shown interest in changing shoes. With this interest we have introduced our shoe basket. We have several pairs of new and used shoes the children can choose and practice taking off and putting on. This lesson focuses on their fine motor skills as well as giving them the power to choose, thus feeding their need for independence and control.

We have placed our baby doll in our environment. This has been a busy lesson as the children dress the baby. This is another lesson that engages their imagination while also working on their fine motor skills as they snap, zip, and dress the baby. This is a one-person work and many are also learning the patience of waiting to take their turn with the baby.

We have introduced six cylinders which are all filled differently with different fractions. This includes a whole, halves, and fourths. While the children experience these as a type of puzzle, they are also concretely internalizing shapes, colors, and how they fit together.

Our Silent Journey is coming up this next weekend. If you have not made your reservation to participate, please do! Friday evening you will get to experience each level of the Montessori environment through the eyes of the child. Saturday morning when you arrive a Directress (Montessori Teacher) will be in each environment to introduce a lesson and answer any questions you may have. It will give you great insight into how each level prepares your child for the next. I hear from past parents how it also gives them insight into themselves also. The Silent Journey experience, I feel, is an investment of your time you must not pass up for a parents’ growth along with their child which is priceless.

Conferences: I would like to begin Parent-Teacher conferences in February. I can coordinate a day during the week which will work with Rosa to play with your child on our playground while we meet at the end of our day at 3:00pm. I am also happy to meet with you at 7:30am but cannot offer childcare during this time. While I will be contacting each parent to schedule your time, please do not hesitate to contact me also if you have a specific time that works for you.

Registration opens to the public in February. Please get your registrations in so you may be guaranteed a spot. The Primary classrooms fill up quickly as well as Full Day in our Nest.

We have blue toddler chairs which we have used in our classroom but no longer need as we have updated our tables and chairs this year. If you would like one of these chairs for your home, please let me know. They will be available to the taking on a first come, first served basis.

Important dates:

February 7th and 8th: Silent Journey (Friday 6:30pm-9pm, Saturday 9am-1pm)
Childcare is provided with your reservation, Please inquire with the office.

February 24th - 28th: Montessori Education Week and also our Annual Scholastic Book Fair.

March 13: School Wide Half Day Dismissal
March 16th-20th: Spring Break-No School
March 23rd: No School for Students, Teacher Work Day
March 24th: Students Return to School

March 28th: Our Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser
An evening of good food and fun! Lots of items for silent auction and your child’s classroom project for live auction. More information to come.
Thank you to:

The Haspel Family for healthy snack the week of September 3rd

The Pallegar Family for healthy snack this week of September 9th

Coach Taylor for his addition of our small basketball hoop