



Nest Notes

November 30, 2018

We have had a busy month working on our gifts for our Grandparents and welcoming new friends. As we prepared for our Thanksgiving holiday, we enjoyed making our tabletop turkey decorations. We prepare now for a festive time of year celebrating the winter holidays.

The children are growing rapidly, and their language is developing considerably.

It is very important to children's language development to speak to them as you would speak to another adult. They are learning pronunciation as well as intonation. The child, in full concentration, will watch your mouth as you speak. When a child is having a challenging time with a sound, we repeat while also asking them to look at our mouth. The child is not just learning the sound, but also the movement of muscles we need to speak our language. As adults learning an additional language, we are unable to develop perfect muscle control while speaking as a child can. This is why we have an accent when speaking anything other than our mother tongue. The child can learn several languages and speak them perfectly if learned from a native speaker. This is the gift of the sensitive period of language which is with us from birth through six years of age.



Cooking has also been high on our list this month. We have made play dough, banana cookies, and guacamole. We are working toward each of these being an independent activity. While the children are working to be independent, we are also sharing language while we enjoy our cooking.

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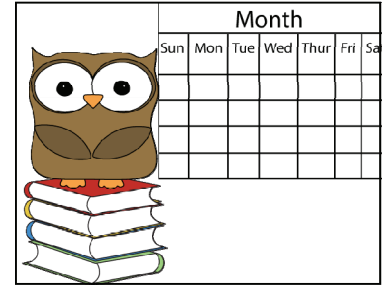
We cannot create observers by saying 'observe', but by giving them the power and the means for this observation and these means are procured through education of the senses.

Maria Montessori



Dates to Remember

This next month will go by quickly as everyone is very busy during this time of year. Please make sure to mark your calendar with the following dates to remember:



December 6 - There will be a holiday craft sale at 2:00 which will be in our Level 3 building.

December 12-14. E1 is hosting their Annual Holiday Gift Shop. Parents looking for more volunteer hours can find them here as E1 will be in need of parents willing to wrap presents sold at the gift shop. Please let me know if you are interested, and I can find out what time slots are available.

The Holiday Gift Shop a time for the children to shop for gifts on their own for their family. If you wish for your child to participate, we will help them pick gifts for the people on your list. Please look for the Holiday Gift envelopes which will be coming home soon in your communications envelope.

December 18 - There will be an Elementary 2 Plant and Gift Sale at 3:00

December 21 - This will be our last day before break, and our day of celebration. Our classroom tradition is to make and decorate dipped pretzel sticks. We will need parent/grandparent volunteers to help work in the kitchen with the children from 8:45-11:00. Our entire school will be dismissed at 12:30.

January 7 - Registration will open for current families.

January 12 -The Positive Discipline for Parents of Young Children Saturday workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Looking back at our month of thankfulness, we would like to thank all of you for your trust in us. We love your children and are thankful we are with them each day. They make every day beautiful!

Have a wonderful weekend!
Christine and Rosa



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

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