

**SOUTH SHORE MONTESSORI, INC.**  
**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
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**School Closed/Care Open**

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, school/care closed at 2:00 p.m. After 2:00 the normal \$10.00 per 15 min. late pick-up charge will apply. School will remain closed from Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> until Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. We will open on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Tuition Reminder**

Please remember that tuition is due on the first of each month, including January. We are closed December 25<sup>th</sup>.-Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. We can accept a postdated check, which would need to be in by **2 p.m.** on the 24<sup>th</sup>, in order to avoid a late fee. Kindergarten semester supply fee of \$100.00 will also be added to January's tuition amount. If you have a kindergarten aged child, please include this with your tuition payment. **Tuition Express** is a great way to insure your tuition is in on time every time. It's easy to sign up. Just see the front office and you will be well on your way to peace of mind.

**Christmas Ornament**

Please select a Christmas Ornament from our tree in the lobby to purchase. This gift will be a donation to your child's class in honor of your child. If you haven't had a chance to choose a gift from our tree yet, there is still time. Just let the office know. Thank you.

**Cooler Weather**

With the cooler weather finally upon us, please remember to replace the clothes in your children's box with warmer clothing. Please label all sweaters and jackets with your child's name. We will be going outside each day that weather permits so, if it is chilly out please make sure your child has a jacket--cool weather is not going to keep us inside! As with anything, labeling helps to keep us organized.

**Land's End Polo Shirts**

Do you have a South Shore Montessori polo shirt? If you order one from Land's End the school will get credit whenever you mention our schools preferred account #9000-4822-4 and our schools logo reference number 9955794K, when placing orders. These items would make great holiday gifts. Catalogues are available at the front desk.

**Holiday Party**

All Holiday luncheons will be Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please check your class clipboard for needed

party supplies. Holidays are always a busy and exciting time of year for all of us. Sometimes we even tend to get carried away with the festive side of them: the decorations, the music, and the food (to name a few). Although there are many cute and imaginative ways to create the food and party favors, we do ask that you remember our school nutrition policy. No candy, punch, cakes and cookies. There are many other ways of creating snacks with nutritious foods.

**Jacket Drive**

Thank you for your generous donation of 23 jackets for the needy. I know they will be appreciated as the cold weather approaches.

**I Resign as an Adult**

I am hereby officially tendering my resignation as an adult. I have decided I would like to accept the responsibility of an 8-year-old. I want to go to Mc Donald's and think that it's a four-star restaurant. I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make a sidewalk with rocks. I want to think M & M's are better than money because you can eat them. I want to lie under a big oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on a summer's day. I want to return to a time when life was simple; when all you knew were colors, multiplication tables, and nursery rhymes, but that didn't bother you, because you didn't know what you didn't know and you didn't care. All you knew was to be happy because you were blissfully unaware of all the things that should make you worried or upset. I want to believe that anything is possible. I want to be oblivious to the complexities of life and be overly excited by the little things again. I want to live simple again. I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, humankind and making angels in the snow. So....so here are my checkbook, and my car keys, my credit card bills and my 401K Statements. And if you want to discuss it further, you'll have to catch me first, cause.....

Tag! You're it! Hope ya'll join me!

Congratulations to Ms. Alicia on her wedding to Mr. Mark Guel .

### **News from the classroom of**

#### **101:**

This month we will be talking about the USA, as well as different cultures and the changing weather. We will also talk about sharing, with friends and family. Please bring in one white t-shirt to paint on and any red, green and blue fabric paint that you can. Thank you.

Ms Claudia and Ms Nancy.

#### **102:**

This month we will be talking about the USA. Our Author of the month is Jan Brett. The Musician we will be listening to during nap is Tchaikovsky. We will also be talking about different Holidays of the world. We will have a book exchange for our Holiday party. Please send in a wrapped unisex gift with only the name of who it is from. We will also be decorating a white t-shirt for the holiday party. Please send in one white t-shirt (undershirt) that we can paint on. This is going to be a fun and exciting month.

Ms Stephanie & Ms. Leesa

#### **103:**

During class we will be discussing holiday traditions around the world. We will be working on our holiday gift for mom and dad. During our winter party we will have a Book Exchange. Please bring in a wrapped unisex book with the "from" filled out. Check our clip board for party supplies. We also ask that your child bring in an unbreakable, ornament labeled with your child's name to hang our Christmas tree. If you have any items that you could donate to our continent box it would be greatly appreciated. If you haven't had a chance to pick out a gift from our tree in the front office there is still time.

Ms. Peggy & Ms. Twyla

#### **104:**

This month we will be studying the composer Tchaikovsky and the Nutcracker Suite. We will continue our study of Europe as well as a study of holidays around the world. Our winter luncheon and book exchange will be Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring in 1 wrapped, unisex book with only the "from" part filled out for the exchange. You may also bring in one unbreakable ornament for our holiday tree. If you would like your ornament back please put your child's name on the ornament. Thank you.

Ms. Tracia & Ms. Emma

#### **105:**

We will be working very hard on our Cultural Studies this month. We will research holiday traditions, including Kwanza, Hanukah, and those of India,

Mexico, Germany, France and more. If your student would like to share their family traditions, they may bring pictures, recipes, books, etc. Also, if your child would like to bring an ornament for our class tree, we will put up our tree in early December.

Mrs. Harris & Mrs. Saenz

### **December Calendar**

Dec. 2<sup>ed</sup> 105 Field Trip

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Holiday luncheon

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

### **December**

**Theme:** USA

**Virtue:** Sharing

**Author:** Jan Brett

**Artist:** Louise Nevelson

**Composer:** Tchaikovsky

**Peacemaker:** Gandhi

**Misc.:** Kwanza & Holidays of the World

### **December Birthdays**

#### **102:**

12/10 Shiv Bhakta

#### **103:**

12/08 Douglas Eader

12/08 Merle Ohlenkamp

12/08 Ava Mehdizadeh

12/21 Alliana Olalde

#### **104:**

12/15 Ryan Xu

#### **105:**

12/17 Krishna Chaudhari

12/23 Luke Sanders

12/28 Victoria Schweitzer

#### **Staff:**

12/01 Ms. Claudia Ramirez

12/27 Ms. Alicia Prevost

### **A SMILE FOR YOU**

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling  
too.

I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin  
When he smiled I realized I'd passed it to him.

I thought about that smile then I realized its worth,  
A single smile, just like mine, could travel round the  
earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it  
undetected

Let's start the epidemic quick and get the world  
infected!

Everyone needs a smile!