

SOUTH SHORE MONTESSORI, INC.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Art Show: Save the Date!!

Monday November 16th from 6:00-7:00, is our annual art show. This is our Fund-raiser for the school year. Your children have made wonderful art masterpieces in the style of artists Jackson Pollock, Mondrian, and Picasso. All art work will be on sale. For only \$15.-\$20. you can have a wonderful masterpiece to take home. Everyone is invited to participate in this special event, grandpa, grandpa, aunts, uncles, friends etc.

Thanksgiving Holiday

School/closed care/open on Monday, Nov.23rd. and Tuesday Nov. 24th. Each parent will need to pre-register with the front office no later than Wednesday, Nov. 18th. There is no additional charge for full day students and a daily tuition rate will be charged to extended day students. All payments must be made on or before care, and all students must be registered for care regardless of what program they are in.

School/Care will be closed

Wednesday, Nov. 25th, Thursday, Nov. 26th, and Friday, Nov. 27th. for Thanksgiving Holidays.

Thanksgiving Feast

On Thursday, November 19th we will share our Friendship Salad. All children are asked to bring one piece of fruit to be shared in a fruit salad. You may either chop/dice/julienne your fruit with your child or send the fruit for slicing and dicing at school. Let your child help to select the fruit. Check with your child's classroom clipboard for any additional items that will be needed for the Thanksgiving Feast.

Pictures

Pictures done by J. Pamela photography, www.jpamela.com, came out beautifully as always. Ms Pamela said she was especially pleased with this group. If you missed getting your child's picture taken the make up date is Nov. 6th.

Tuition Express

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for tuition express yet, now would be a perfect time to get on board. By signing up for automatic payments you will never have to worry about being late again. And with the Holidays coming up wouldn't that be great.

Jacket Drive

The jacket drive was a great success; thanks to every one who helped. We donated all of the jackets to the Star of Hope Mission.

Canned Food Drive

As we are studying the virtue of kindness for the month of November, we will be participating in a canned food drive. All can goods will be donated to the local food bank. We will be celebrating with free pizza for each class that participates.

December

The winter holidays will be here before we know it. Here are some reminders for December.

Dec. 18 early dismissal

Dec. 21-23 School closed/care open

Dec. 24th. School closed/care open until 2:00

Dec. 25th.-Jan. 1st. School/care closed.

December Gift Giving

If you would like to give a gift to your child's classroom, there will be a tree set-up in the office with a variety of items that can be purchased from Montessori Services. After selecting the item, please give the tag to the front office and they will place the order. When the item is delivered, the office will give it to the teachers for their classroom, along with a gift card from your child. Deadline for orders is December 4th. Thank you in advance for these purchases.

Special Thanks

We would like to thank you for using your Randalls Card # 7403. With your collaboration we now have a balance of \$45.09. All proceeds go towards teacher training.

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS:

Children thrive in a well-ordered and predictable environment, where daily routines such as arrivals and departures, mealtimes, nap times and toileting are dealt with consistently by all caregivers. Daily routines provide opportunities for children to learn more about themselves, the world and other people. Daily routines also offer children a sense of stability, and a feeling of warmth and caring from their

teachers. The challenge is to develop appropriate daily routines for children, which offer them a sense of consistency and security, yet remain flexible and responsive to the individual needs of each child.

News from the classroom of

101:

This month we will talk about Texas, the state flower, the tree, the bird, etc. We will also talk about Thanksgiving and we will be painting turkeys on t-shirts. Please send in a white t-shirt to be decorated.

Ms. Claudia & Ms. Nancy

102:

This month, we are focusing on our state of Texas, (flower, bird, tree, flag, etc.) We will also be doing more fall art, Spanish and our Montessori work. Please send in a paper grocery bag.

Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Leesa

103:

This month we will be creating our thankful book, in which all children will write what they are thankful for. The book will be available to be checked out upon request. We are so excited about our art show on the 16th. We have beautiful Mondrian, Pollock, and Picasso pieces to share with you. Please come out and join us for this great event. Everyone is invited; the show is from 6:00-7:00. If you would please send in a white t-shirt, (one that goes down to your child's knees), by November 10th. We will be decorating them to create our Thanksgiving outfit.

Ms. Peggy & Ms. Twyla

104:

The children will be participating in the study of Europe, specifically the country of Italy. We will be listening to Brahms' lullabies and learning about Germany. We will study harvesting, as well as learning songs and reading stories about Thanksgiving and the Pilgrims' journey. We will also make real butter in Ms. Tracia's butter churn! Please send in a book about the virtue of kindness, which we will read throughout November. Please send in a large white t-shirt (down to the Child's knees) to be decorated.

Ms. Tracia & Ms. Emma

105

In conjunction with our study of Native Americans, we will be participating in a Native Lands program at the Pasadena Fairgrounds. We will also research Metamorphic Rocks, Amphibians, and Leaves. We will be working on Fluency and 3rd. and 4th. year students will be performing the play Midnight at Old Truman's.

Watch for information concerning our Friendship Salad.

Mrs. Harris & Ms. Saenz.

November Calendar

Friday Nov. 6 Picture make-up
Monday Nov. 16 Art Show 6:00-7:00
Thursday Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day

November

Theme: Our State Flower, Tree, and Bird
Author: Robert McCloskey & James Howe
Artist: Diego Rivera & Hokusai
Composer: Johannes Brahms
Continent: Europe
Virtue: Kindness
Misc.: Art Show & Children's Book Week

November Birthdays

Students:

103 11/06 Tyler Lee

104 11/05 Mikey McGagh
11/28 Kylie Rutledge
11/24 Damian Soto

105 11/09 Makenzie Rutledge
11/20 Sydney Drury
11/24 Katie McGagh

Staff :

11/24 Ms Marcela Saenz