

December 2016



Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holidays. Also, thank you for sharing and participating to make the school Thanksgiving party enjoyable and successful.

During the month of December, the children will learn about the different holidays that people celebrate such as Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, etc. We will talk about each holiday, and have a chance to discuss the similarities and differences.

As you know, the children in the Montessori school environment learn the various concepts by using special hands-on materials. The same philosophy applies when they are learning the relationship between letters (symbols) and sounds in the language area, as well as in the math area to learn the numbers (qualities) and quantities. The children who are ready have been working on telling and/or writing creative stories; tracing and/or writing letters, words, and numbers; reading short-vowel words and/or books; adding, skip counting, subtracting, and/or multiplying numbers, etc., depending on their levels. All the children are developing nicely and productively.

The children will learn about the continent of South America, Amazon River, (the [largest river](#) in the world by volume), tropical rainforest, and its animals (red-eyed tree frog, toucan, boa constrictor, jaguar, etc.), hibernation of certain animals (bat, frog, snake, etc.). They will also learn about vertebrates, non-vertebrates, scales, fur, feathers, and do some polishing work.

In our school, we always encourage the children to use words, inside voices, and nice and polite languages, listen to the teachers, friends, and parents at home, be responsible for his/her own actions, etc. It's very important that we work together to help the children grow and develop into beautiful individuals. Thank you very much for all your supports!

◆ Important Reminders ◆

- ♥ The school will be OPEN on Monday, December 26, 2016.
- ♥ The due date for the tuition payment is the 5th day of each month. Thank you for your prompt payment.
- ♥ Please call and let us know if your child will not be at school due to illness.
- ♥ We would appreciate if you can send in the extra clothing that is appropriate for the cold winter season.