

# Montessori School of Encinitas

## NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2020

### *From the Office of the Director:*

A hearty thanks to all our fabulous parents who made our first ever Trunk or Treat a huge success. We at MSE want to extend our gratitude to you all for making it memorable to all the children and staff. We are truly blessed to have you in our MSE family. Due to numerous requests we will have the same event next year and maybe have BBQ following it.

Thank you for taking the time to speak with your child's teacher about their progress.

Now November is here and just around the corner we will celebrate Thanksgiving, but let us not forget to be thankful each day for its blessings and also remember to celebrate responsibly this year. We would like to thank you all for sharing your precious gift with us. We love every moment we spend with your children. The children and staff will celebrate the Thanksgiving Feast on November 24. Check the class clipboards for the ingredients sign-up list. This year we are looking forward to cooking our FEAST together with our children!!

### *Dates & Events to remember:*

November 1 — End of Daylight Saving Time

November 11 — Closed for Veteran's Day

November 24 — Thanksgiving Feast for the Children

November 26 & 27 — Closed for Thanksgiving

*A happy Thanksgiving to everyone!*

*Ms. Saro Mahesan*



### *Preschool Prep Class:*

Thanks to all the parents who joined us and helped in the supervision during the Halloween trunk or treat. November will bring feasts, parent conferences, and many other things to be thankful for. We will celebrate and learn about Thanksgiving in many different ways. We are committed to help the children grow up confident of their own identity, respectful of other people, and aware of the rich diversity of their community and the world. Thanksgiving is also a time that we can communicate



respect for others. During Thanksgiving, we focus on families, corn, being thankful and a little bit on Native American culture. Talk about Pilgrims, Indians and the story of Thanksgiving. Our children are making nice progress in learning to share with one another and friendships are created.



This month many of our math activities will be focused on patterning as well as practicing our counting skills and memorizing the numbers using Montessori materials. The students are learning more of their letters and phonics every day. Our artist of the month is an Italian painter Raphael or Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino. This month we will also be having our parent teacher conferences. We feel that individual conferences are the most effective way to exchange valuable information about your child's progress. We are looking forward to meeting with each of you. We wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Teachers: *Ms. Naing and Ms. Vanessa*

### *Infant ad Toddler Class:*

Thanks to all our parents who joined us in the Halloween Trunk-or-Treat. We really appreciate your time and support. The theme of this month is community helpers and about thanksgiving. Our children will do hand print turkeys; learn about different community helpers. The school will remain closed on November 11 (Wednesday) for Veterans Day and November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving. Please remember to sign in / sign out your child's attendance sheet. Thank you.

Teachers: *Ms. Jenny, Ms. Lily & Ms. Natalia*

### *Try This:*

#### *Brussels Sprouts with Bacon*

*3 pounds medium Brussels sprouts*

*2 tablespoons vegetable oil*

*8 thick slices bacon (about 8 ounces), cut crosswise into 1/2-inch strips*

*2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar*

*1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed*

*Freshly ground black pepper*



#### *Directions*

*Bring a large pot of water to a boil and salt it generously.*

*Trim the bottom end of the Brussels sprouts, leaving the core intact, and pull off the outer dark leaves. Halve through the core.*

*Add the Brussels sprouts and cook, uncovered, until tender, about 6 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold running water.*

*(This can be done a day ahead.)*

*Meanwhile, put the oil and bacon in a very large skillet or stewpot, and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the bacon is crispy.*

*Remove the bacon with a slotted spoon and set aside.*

*Increase the heat to medium-high, add the Brussels sprouts and cook, stirring occasionally, until they brown and the edges get crisp, about 10 minutes.*

*Stir in the vinegar, salt, pepper, and bacon. Serve warm.*

### *Preschool & Kindergarten Class:*

We would like to thank your dear parents for a very successful Halloween Trunk-or-Treat, and our Halloween lunch party. Thank you to our dear parents for making this even exciting and fun for everyone. Everyone had a wonderful time especially the trunk decorations and the yummy treats.

This month of November we will talk about the value of sharing, the wonderful things we are thankful for and how the celebration of Thanksgiving began. For the school's Thanksgiving celebration there will be a feast for the children and staff on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November. Check on our clipboards for an announcement for the ingredients needed for feast preparation.

The children continue to improve their skills in identifying phonetic sounds of the alphabet, and the first and last sounds of a word. Some of the children are in the process of mastering their skill in forming three letter words with the aid of the movable alphabet, while others are improving their writing skills. They continue to develop mathematical skills in learning to recognize numbers and teen, tens, thousands and function of addition. In science, children will learn about five classes of animals, talking about landforms (island, lake) introduction of the continent of North America, the country they live in, and the states of USA. This month's featured artist is Matisse and musical composer is Bach. Role model is Mahatma Gandhi. Mornings and late afternoons have been chilly outside, so kindly bring warm outdoor wear for your child. Always remember to keep extra clean clothes especially underwear inside your child's cubby.

*Let's be thankful for all we have. Have tasty  
Thanksgiving!*



Teachers: *Ms. Jonah and Ms. Ashlei*

