

Montessori School of Encinitas

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2017

From the Office of the Director:

Can you believe that it is December already? This school year is zipping by fast! Please note that there is **SCHOOL IS CLOSED from December 25 – January 1**. School will resume on **January 2**.

The Thanksgiving holiday was celebrated with a thanksgiving feast. A very big Thank you to Shannon-Black family for our delicious turkey. Thank you all for all your contributions towards our feast.

We are looking forward to Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanza. As we end the year, we will celebrate it with a Winter Holiday Program. Your children and their teachers will be very busy practicing with their songs and dances. We are inviting everyone to come and join us on **December 15**.

December brings in cold weather and with it comes a host of contagious illnesses. If your child should fall sick please keep your child home till they are fully recovered to prevent spread of the illness to other children. View what your child has been doing at school by visiting our school's face book page. Don't forget to hit : **LIKE**

<http://www.facebook.com/the.mse.school>

May the warmth and peace of the holiday season be yours today and always.

Dates & Events to remember:

December 15 – Holiday Program

December 25 to January 1 – Winter Break

Ms. Saro Mahesan



Infant Class:

We enjoyed our thanksgiving feast. A warm welcome to Rhys Evans. This month our theme is winter celebration. In addition, children will prepare the Christmas gifts, learn holiday songs, and decorate the Christmas tree. They will also do crafts involving Santa Claus, Snow man and many more. Our winter day celebration is on the 15th December, in our classroom. Our babies will have their presentation in Room 1&2. We are requesting the parents to bring the children's holiday outfit for the celebration. Sign-up sheet for Holiday Potluck will be posted soon.

Wishing everybody Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Teachers: *Ms. Usha, Ms. Jenny, Ms. Liz, Ms. Lily, Ms. Marcella & Ms. Rose*

Toddler Class:

Our Thanksgiving feast was a great success thanks to all of your contributions. We appreciate all of your support and generosity. Our toddlers had a fun time during the festivities. Check our Facebook page for the toddlers' video performance. Our children welcome Alexis Byrd to our class. Congratulations to Simone Raye and Charlize Quincy who will be promoted to the next class. We will miss their smiles and playfulness. Christmas is just around the corner. We are excited to see the Christmas decorations, holiday activities and all the beautiful Christmas trees. We will sing Christmas carols, learn many new things and do fun art activities as well. Please, mark your calendars for our holiday party on December 15. Thank you for all of your support.

Teachers: *Ms. Mandy & Ms. Merlinda*



Preschool/Kindergarten Class:

The year is going by so fast and is about to end with a blast. It's the season of giving and sharing. Let us be thankful for what we have and teach our children to share to those who are less fortunate. Our school is participating in the Toys for Tots, so bring a NEW-UNWRAPPED toy to give. It's holiday time!! It's Christmas time!!

December is probably the most exciting month of the year. It can be the happiest time at school and at home. The children enjoy decorating the Christmas tree, hanging the decors and putting up the lights. The children have been busy making crafts for the holidays.

This month we continue working with the Montessori materials and practice to improve their writing skills. For cultural, we will be listening to the soothing music of Johannes Brahms and for the artist, we will be studying on Van Gogh's masterpieces.

This month we will learn about the holidays of different cultures. We will experience, celebrate and talk about the holidays of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. We want the children to be aware of the differences on how people celebrate. We would like to invite all the parents, friends and family to come and join us for the Holiday Celebration at school on the 15th of December.

Now that the days are getting cooler, remember to dress your child appropriately. Please dress your child in easy to put on and comfortable clothes. We do go outside every day unless it is raining. Please make sure your child has a change of clothes (weather appropriate) in his/her cubby.

Have a wonderful and safe Winter Break and Happy New Year!

Teachers: *Ms. Jonah & Ms. Silvia*



Preschool Prep Class:

It's hard to believe that it's already December! The year has gone smoothly. As you can see we have a busy and an exciting month ahead of us. Let's welcome Simone Raye and Charlize Quincy to our room. Our goal for the children is to feel comfortable, happy and secure in class. We are happy to say that we have seen much growth in every child's counting skills, as well as mastering work with the Montessori materials. Since it is Christmas time, our classroom activities will include making some crafts & cards and singing holiday songs. The children will experience planning, making gifts for others and feel the joy of giving, as well as receiving. They will also experience, the holidays of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. The celebration of these holidays will be discussed using cultural themes rather than religious, to make the children aware of the cultural different. If you have other customs you celebrate, please feel free to come to our classroom and share with the children. We would like to invite all the parents, friends and family to join us for the Holiday Celebration at school on the 15th of December. Please kindly check your child's cubby and making sure to keep extra clothes and warm outdoorwear. Our heartfelt thanks to our parents who brought food for our thanksgiving party. Your full support, cooperation and sincere understanding were deeply appreciated. We wish all of you a Joyous Holiday Season & a Healthy, Happy New Year!

Teachers: *Ms. Naing and Ms. Vanessa*

Preschool Class:

Heartfelt thanks to parents who brought ingredients for our Thanksgiving feast. Children enjoyed the cooking and the feast. The academic achievement of the children has been very impressive on the use of Montessori materials. Children are very eager to work and progress to the next level. The holiday season is here and the kids are so excited for the coming of Santa Claus. Children will prepare cards, gifts, learn holiday songs, and decorate the Christmas tree. Holiday celebrations will be discussed to make children aware of different traditions. Children will learn and feel the joy of giving, as well as receiving. Leonardo da Vinci is our artist and Antonio Vivaldi will be composer for this month. Please don't forget to check your child's cubby for extra clothes, warm outdoorwear and the snack calendar.

We wish you all a joyous holiday season and a Happy new year!

Teacher: *Ms. Jyoti*