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"Everything We Do Is Education!"



School Newsletter

December, 2009

Dear Village Montessori family,

December is historically one of the most celebrated and emotional months of the year; with the approaching Holidays, gift giving season, family gatherings, the impending close of another year, and of course the emotional memories of people and years past. This December we would encourage everyone to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and Chanukah (Hanukah). Hanukah is the eight-day festival of light that begins on the eve of Kislev 25 (This year December 11-19) and celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, of purity over adulteration, of spirituality over materiality. The meaning of Christmas is a celebration of new Life, the gift of unconditional Love, Hope for every child's Salvation, and a universal call for peace on Earth and good will toward all people. Now, aren't these, ideals we could all use just a bit more of in our daily lives!? It is our mission at Village Montessori to carry these ideals into our daily environment all year long in celebration of the gift of each and every child.

At school this month our children will be learning more about these and other holiday traditions. In addition, Ms. Olga has prepared a play where all children will participate. Our home room mothers will be very diligently preparing costumes and our stage. Our play will be held December 18th at 11:00 a.m. immediately followed by lunch.

The songs for the play will be as follows: Van Gogh - *Cantad Navidad*; Renoir - *Hark! The Herald Angels sing*; Matisse- *El Burrito Sabanero*; Picasso- *Three kings*, *We wish a Merry Christmas*, *Feliz Navidad*, *Go tell it on the mountain*, *You better watch out*, *jolly old st Nicholas and the twelve days of Christmas*

You have all received the catalog for Small hands. Please remember to choose a gift for your children that is age appropriate and follow the Montessori philosophy. There is still time to order from For Small Hands. They will give our school a credit for every purchase you make towards materials for our school.

We wish you all peace, love, joy and good will this Holiday season and all through the New Year!

Virtue of the Month - GENEROSITY

"Don't let anyone that comes close to you, leave without feeling better and happier." Mother Teresa

Generosity means to give and to share. To share freely, without expecting anything in return. You find the way to give happiness to others, and you give for the joy of giving. The generosity is one of the best ways to show your love and friendship.



"The child is a well-spring of love. Whenever we touch the child, we touch love."

Maria Montessori



Song of the month

One Baby Jesus
A New Twelve Days of Christmas

By. Patricia A. Pingry





Theme - Holidays & Winter



The Holidays is our theme of the month. Since Miami doesn't really give us the dramatic climatic changes from season to season as found in other latitudes we will use books and other examples to teach them about winter while we also take advantage of occasional cool weather to have the children experience and appreciate how the seasons help to sustain our abundant planet.

Artists - Norman Rockwell

Norman Percevel Rockwell (February 3, 1894 - November 8, 1978) was a 20th century American painter and illustrator. His works enjoy a broad popular appeal in the United States, where Rockwell is most famous for the cover illustrations of everyday life scenarios he created for *The Saturday Evening Post* magazine over more than four decades



Important Person - Alexander Graham Bell



Alexander Graham Bell (March 3, 1847 - August 2, 1922) was an eminent scientist, inventor, engineer and innovator who is credited with inventing the first practical telephone.

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

18 - Christmas Play and Lunch
Dec 21 - Jan 1 - Winter Recess- Closed

JANUARY

4- School Resumes
18- Martin Luther King Day- Closed
22- Teacher Planning Day- Closed



*“Free the
child's potential,
and you will
transform him
into the world”*

Maria Montessori

Birthdays

DECEMBER

07 - Niki Jiler
 18 - Sacha Chiche
 27 - Maximo Lopina

Happy Birthday!



Village Montessori Community News

January we start our new semester for after school activities.



Wednesday - **GYMKIDZ** Registration \$35 (once a year) Jan 6th to Mar 24th 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. after school children pay \$168 Village Montessori students \$300.

Friday - **Ballet** with Ms. Denise Registration is \$20 (once a year) and monthly \$48 or \$12 class.



Fridays - **French** at 3:00 for the preschoolers with Ms. Tamara She will have a 11 week sessions from Jan 8th to March 18th for \$206.

Key board lessons started with Ms. Yanina as requested by parents. If you would like to join the price is \$50 a month for a 40 minute private lesson on Tuesdays. Children start the class at 1:30 p.m.



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