



"Everything We Do Is Education!"

School Newsletter

January, 2010

Dear Village Montessori family,

"Tempus fugit" ... As hurried as our lives may be at times, it is good to remember that the days of our children's youth are truly days to be treasured. We are well aware of the blessing it is to be with your children during this time as each personality blossoms and as their skills and self-esteem become even more evident through the magic of the Montessori environment. In this New Year I wish to thank each of you for this gift.

Our school continues to grow as well. Because of our desire to maintain an intimate learning environment in each classroom, we are almost full to Capacity. Nevertheless the work goes on to consistently improve. After analyzing the needs of our families we have decided to utilize the one remaining dedicated classroom space available to open a new toddler environment for ages 12 months to 36 months. This classroom shall be called the *Da Vinci room* which will be headed by Ms. Olga Tarasova.

Speaking of progress! We have acquired parking permits from the City to free up six parking spaces in our back lot for drop-off and pick-up. They will take effect February 1st. On that date we will begin noon pick-up as follows: Renoir between 12 to 12:15 pm; Matisse between 12:15 to 12:30; "Add a lunch" will pick-up at 1 p.m. In order for this routine to be successful we need everyone to pick up during the time frame that we have assigned to your classroom. Thank you for your cooperation!

Finally, due to the overwhelming success of last semester's seminar "Redirecting Children's Behavior" we have asked Ms Olga Bloch to schedule a repeat performance of this important event for parents. I encourage all of you who have not done so to participate. It is an amazing view into the mind and development of your child - and Ms Olga B offers *practical techniques* to improve your daily life with your children. The new course runs 5 Saturdays Feb 13th, 20th, 27th, March 13th, 20th- from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$250 per person or \$350 per family. You'll be glad you did! Thank you for your continued support! - Ms Joan

Virtue of the Month - ENTHUSIASM

"All we really need to be happy is something by which we can feel enthusiasm." Charles Kingsley

Enthusiasm means to be glad, happy and full of exhortation (spirit). It's to do something with all your heart. When you act with enthusiasm, you reflect a positive attitude. To be enthused is to be inspired!



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

Maria Montessori

Song(s) of the month

"Eine kleine nachtmusik" - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
"What color is God's skin" - unknown



Theme of the month

During the months of January and February we will learn about enthusiasm and friendship. We will reinforce acts of kindness and love towards one another. We will emphasize the act of friendship through thoughtfulness and caring for each other within the context of our entire school. As we listen to Mozart we will ask our children, how does music make you feel inside? The Picasso room will continue their studies on roots and earthquakes.

Composer of the month

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Artist of the month

Leonardo da Vinci

Important Person of the month -

Martin Luther King, Jr.
The Wright Brothers



Upcoming Events

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

- 15- President's Day-School Closed
- 26- Teacher Planning Day

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

Maria Montessori

Birthdays

JANUARY

02 - Gabriel Castagna

25 - Lily Merrick

28 - Parker Zuccarini

Happy Birthday!



Village Montessori Community News

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.

Thursday - **Ballet** with Ms. Denise at 4 p.m. Registration is \$20 (once a year) \$12 a 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.

