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**"Everything We Do Is Education!"**

# School Newsletter

November, 2009

Dear Village Montessori family,

Thank you so much for making our Costume party a fun and exciting event for our little ones. Don't forget to check out the pictures in our ning network!

During the month of November our children will be learning about Thanksgiving, about Pilgrims, the American Indians and the meaning of thanksgiving. On Friday November 20<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Play performed by all our students.

One aspect of the curriculum will focus on how other cultures dress so we will also be incorporating our own dress customs as part of our program.

Throughout the month we will have a show and tell about a special item of clothing. We will start this Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> with Shirts. Please send your children with a special shirt to school. The shirts are to be used during show and tell (don't forget to label them). On Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> our show and tell will be socks. Please send the children with a special pair of socks. On Friday November 20<sup>th</sup> our show and tell will be pants. Please send them with special pants and their uniform shirt.

For the week ending Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> we will be talking about bike safety and end with our Trike-a-thon. Please remember to send in your permission slips and save the date to attend our event at 9:30 a.m. Each child participating need to bring their own Trike or Bike.

On Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> we will end our Monthly festivity with a thanksgiving event where all parents will be invited to share your favorite thanksgiving recipe

## **Virtue of the Month - GRATITUDE**

**"Show with your attitude your gratitude" Anonymous**

Gratitude is an awareness and attitude of thankfulness for what we have, for the people whom we love and for who we are. It includes an ability to notice the little pleasures of life that are all around us and to appreciate them. Gratitude is the antidote for cynicism.

## **Song of the month**

Our song of the month is "This Place Called Earth" by Shelley Murley. In keeping with our virtue Gratitude" we are encouraging the children to be inspired to give thanks for the gifts of life, love, joy and more with all their heart!

*"Each and every living thing makes up this place called Earth, And each and every living thing, you'll see is of great worth, The flowers on the mountain side, the fishes in the sea, The animals and insects, and birds up in the tree, It's not just you and me who live, upon this great big land, Remember that we share this place, both animal and man, The future's up to us, it's in our hands.*

*You can download this song at <http://www.shelleymurley.com/>*



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

*Maria Montessori*

**Theme - Thanksgiving & Clothing**

During the month of November we will learn about thanksgiving. Pilgrims, Indians, We will learn the meaning of thanksgiving. This is a great opportunity to learn about clothing by being aware of what we wear today as compared to what the Indians and the Pilgrims wore a long time ago. In language we learn by matching object to object, object to picture and picture to picture. Through music we will reinforce our theme by learning how to square dance to the song "Turkey in the Straw".

**Composer - Bach****Artists - Pablo Picasso****Important Person - William Bradford circa 1620-1650****Upcoming Events****NOVEMBER**

11- Veterans Day- School Closed

26 &amp; 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday- School Closed

**DECEMBER**

Dec 21 - Jan 1 - Winter Recess- Closed



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

*Maria Montessori*

## Birthdays

### NOVEMBER

- 01 - William Malone
- 08 - Vincent Granados
- 15 - Lucas Jose Martinez
- 15 - Sofia Martinez
- 29 - Luciana Puerta



## Village Montessori Community News

Our after school activities started the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday** - **GYMKIDZ** Registration \$35 Sept 15 to Dec 12 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 and monthly \$48 or \$12 a class.

**Fridays** - **French** at 3:00 for the preschoolers with Ms. Tamara She will have a 11 week sessions from Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> for \$206. We would be happy to prorate the classes accordingly.

Key board lessons have 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.

