

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# December 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> <i>New Parent Intro Meeting</i> <i>9-10:30am</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Room Mothers Meeting at 8:45am</i> <i>Charity Project Meeting at 1pm</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>New Parent Intro Meeting</i> <i>9-10:30am</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Holiday Show</i> <i>Half-day Release</i> <i>NO DAYCARE</i>
<i>21</i>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>22</i>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>23</i>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>24</i>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>25</i>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i> <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</i>
<i>28</i>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>29</i>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>30</i>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>31</i>  <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	

**2ND & 15TH:** New Parent Introductory Meeting: 9-10:30 am. This meeting is designed for all parent who are interested in attending our school. If anyone you know is interested please have them call to sign up for this meeting.

**4TH:** NO SCHOOL! Parent/Teacher Conference. This day is designed for any parents who were not able to come and talk with their children's teacher the day they were assigned to come in and observe.

**8TH:** Room Mothers meeting at 8:45 - 9:25 am. This meeting is designed for all room mothers to come together and prepare for our Christmas Program.

**8TH:** Charity Project meeting 1pm. Come to learn how we can help a wonderful charity.

**15TH:** Tuition Due

**18TH:** Last Day to Pay Tuition. Remember the school will be closed until after January so don't be late with Decembers tuition.

**18TH:** Spanish Holiday celebration. All staff and students will be released at 12 noon. NO DAYCARE on this day! Parents make plans to attend this wonderful family celebration as your child will be performing . Make plans for some one to attend with your child.

**21ST-Jan. 4TH:** NO SCHOOL! Christmas Break

**Jan 5th:** All children return back to school!

**2010-2011 REGISTRATION:** February 1st—5th. Look for the letter with new tuition costs and contracts by early January.

**ON INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS:** There will be no drop-off lane and parents must park in an allotted spot and walk children to the class. We will also post a sign if you need to pick-up in class as well. Children are warmer in their classroom while waiting. Thank you for your support.

*After school Care: is accepting donations of educational toys (Puzzles, books, blocks) that you are no longer using at home.*

**NO PARKING:** on drop-off lane at ANYTIME. Please help us stay safe!

Dear Parents:

We hope that this past month you enjoyed your observations, parent/teacher conferences and Thanksgiving Day holiday. We really enjoyed having grandparents join us for our Thanksgiving celebration.

We also want to thank you for your cooperation on the days we had to disinfect the classroom. The health of the children is a priority and we appreciate your help in keeping our classroom well. We continue to do our best in having the environment as clean as possible for your children. Thank you again for your help in keeping your child home if they are not feeling well.

For the short month of December we will be getting ready for our Christmas POSADA which is always a fun gathering for all of our families. In the classroom we will also be talking of the importance of taking care and helping others.

We would like to encourage you to take time to go through your closets and children's toys and having them pick out things they would like to share with someone less fortunate. Talk to them about how giving to others makes them feel. We wish you and your families the very best this Christmas and for the upcoming year.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2010!  
Monica and Iliana

Dear Parents:

We appreciate the time you took to come and observe our classroom and your child at work. It was very special for the children to show you their work and all of their achievements.

We would also like to thank you for your help in raising funds for our school through the Sally Foster fundraiser.

We are preparing a beautiful Christmas show. You will be receiving extra information about the time and outfits the children will wear.

Traditions within the family are the greatest gifts that our loved ones share and stay within our heart. Invite your children to participate in the preparation of the Holiday meals. They love to be a part of the activities.

We would like to wish you the best of times during this Holiday season in the company of your loved ones.

Have a safe and a Blessed Holiday and we will see you back in 2010.

Norma & Lupita

Dear Parents,

The vibrant colors of autumn are finally here; red, yellow, brown and orange reflecting the mood of the season.

During the month of November the children did a special study on the fall so they are aware of the changes that are taking place outside. They also went outside searching for different kinds of seeds. We collected them and studied their characteristics; the kids got an opportunity to plant their own seeds and watch them grow. They collected leaves as well.

For Thanksgiving the children memorized a rhyme dedicated to grandmothers. They also performed for grandparents the German dance they learned for United Nations Day and sang a song too.

In the Parent Meeting we covered part of the Language curriculum. The parents that came participated working with the language materials and sharing their experiences with the rest of the group.

Have a wonderful Holiday this December.

Amada and Rosa

Dear Parents:

Welcome back! We hope you had a great Thanksgiving break and that you enjoy the Christmas break that is only three weeks away.

First of all we would like to thank those parents that came to the "Line of work" meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope it was helpful for you and we encourage the rest to assist the upcoming Parent Meetings for this school year.

During these last weeks the children have had the wonderful opportunity to not only see and witness the change of weather, but to live it and take advantage of what this campus has to offer. We took long walks around the school, have seen the beautiful colors on the trees, learned their names, seen the leaves fall from the trees, picked up leaves from the ground, made a tree made of paper and posted it on the wall together with the leaves the children picked up. They really enjoyed this activity. Lucky us, two weeks later a snowy day arrived and the children had the chance to see snow. It was amazing to see the surprising look in their little faces since for some students this was their first experience of such a memory. They are learning a lot about the yearly seasons because they are living it, experiencing it and absorbing it through their senses.

We would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mariana and Claudia

Dear Parents:

We would like to start by saying that we enjoyed Grandparent's day very much. The children worked and sang for them in this special day. We hope they enjoyed this day too.

Also thanks to all the parents that attended our last Parent Meeting, "Line of Work". It is so important for you as parents to be informed and have an idea of what your child work with in the classroom.

Now Christmas is around the corner and we are getting ready for our Christmas show that will be taking place December 18th. We invite all parents and other families member to attend this special event and accompany their child this day. The children will begin practicing for this special day to share with all who attend.

This month we will be learning songs, practicing attention, concentration, coordination and tolerance to others.

Hope you will enjoy the Christmas vacation by sharing your own traditions, spending time with your children, family and friends.

Best Wishes & Blessings,

Alicia & Carmen

Dear Parents:

The observations have ended and we would like to thank all of you for attending.

We are very thankful for the support you gave us at the Parent Meeting held last month. It is very important that you understand a little more of what your child is doing everyday in their environment and as parents understand all the small advances that the children are making and at the same time keep in mind that it is a huge step for the children.

We would like to thank all the grandparents that joined us for Grandparent's Day. You are very important in your grandchildren's life and we enjoyed celebrating you.

We are able to enjoy a wonderful fall and even though it's a little bit early we are starting to see the winter arriving. That is why we recommend to send your children very well covered because the climate varies throughout the day.

We are preparing for our Holiday Show that is taking place on the 18th of December. This year we are going to have a Spain Holiday Show. The children will arrive at their usual time and the show will begin at 9am.

We hope to see you there!

Happy Holiday,  
Gaby and Margie

Dearest Parents:

It continues to be a wonderful school year here at the school, filled with accomplishments in the classroom and beautiful traditions around the school. I am especially thrilled to see the parents of our new students interested in learning about the Montessori philosophy. Observations and Parent Teacher conferences are part of the learning and understanding process as well as all the evening Parent Meetings. I hope they have been successful at giving you a better idea of how we work at school. Supporting your child's development makes a wonderful and life long loving gift. Make sure to come to next semester's Parents Meetings, they do truly help!

We had a wonderful Grandparents Day. We saw so many happy faces filled with delight while sharing their grandchildren's work, as well as so many little ones happy to have their grandparents in the class. It truly is beautiful to watch. During the Thanksgiving circle presentation the children shared thoughts to their grandparents, making them feel loved as the special and important people they are. The elementary students presented a wonderful play, some dances and chorale songs, with piano and guitar performances by Diego Antonio Jimenez and Madeline Noyes. Grandparents day is a wonderful way to begin the Holidays, if you can plan ahead for next school year do so, we are sure all grandparents truly enjoy this day. We've mentioned our thanks to all the parents already for the help in purchasing the laminating machine. This year the children gave a small laminated gift to the grandparents,. This was our first laminating experience with the machine.

The After School Enrichment Programs have been in the planning's for a while and I want to share with you the reasoning and purpose behind it. More and more parents work harder and longer hours, and moving children from one place to the next in the middle of the working afternoon becomes almost impossible for some. And we see that extracurricular activities form an important part of the children's continual development outside of the school. We see that there is a great deal of need to support parents and children in this development, so providing an extended day environment where the child can continue to nourish from a Montessori setting, where most of the teachers already understand the child's development is our goal. The After School Enrichment programs we offer as of now includes: KinderMusik class (2 to 4 year olds), Violin class, Theater class and a Reading and Writing class. Coming up next semester we hope to be able to offer Soccer for children under six and another Reading and Writing class in Spanish. Please give us some suggestions on the programs you would be interested in seeing.

Holiday preparations and scheduling are already on their way for our SPANISH HOLIDAY CELEBRATION. This family event is on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11:30 . All classrooms will give presentation and there will be a light lunch served for all. There is a \$6 fee per person to pay for lunch or a \$25 per family fee. Be sure to ask your child's guide for the details on the costume your child will wear on this day so that you can prepare with time. We hope to see you all, friends & family are welcome! If you have any questions please call the office.

Amazing how fast this school year has gone buy! We are in the middle of the school year and very soon registration for school 2010 – 2011 will be coming up. Registration will be from February 1st—5th.. For those children who are moving on to the next levels we invite you to attend the meetings we have designed to introduce you to the purpose and curriculum for the next levels. These are: Intro to Elem. I & II, January 28th, Intro to Children's House, February 4th and Intro to Toddler Program, February 11th. Please make sure to mark these on your calendar so that you attend.

We are introducing a new **Parent/Infant class**. This class is intended to help parents with infants connect through play, working with Montessori materials, understand their child's development guided by a Montessori guide at the same time as working with their child. The classes will be twice per week, from 3 to 5 or from 1 to 3 pm . If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested please contact the office. We will be hosting an introduction meeting on to register for the class on January 7th from 6-7:30 pm.

Best wishes,  
Natalia Bennett