



A Look Ahead!

- Pajama & Pancake breakfast Dec. 15th.
- Winter Break Dec. 22nd– Jan. 2nd.
- School resumes Jan. 3rd, 2018.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan. 15 (NO School)

Mission:

The mission of Schoolhouse Montessori Academy is to provide high quality, private Montessori education that helps each child realize his/her fullest potential. We are committed to providing the highest quality child care and early education to our students and families.

Greetings!

Now that we are done with our Thanksgiving Break, the children eased right back to their normal routine. They picked up right where they left off. Now we are gearing up for the holidays. The decorations are up, and there is lots of shopping to be done!!

As mentioned before, holidays can be very stressful, especially at this time with all the festivity, presents, travel, friends, and family. We all need to take some time off and relax. Get good rest and sleep well. Let's all try to find some down time for ourselves this holiday.

Health Policy: We are all aware that Michigan winters can be unpleasant. Therefore under such circumstances, the children are quite vulnerable to getting sick. In order to keep our children healthy and well, encourage your children to cover their mouth while coughing and sneezing; also

make sure that they wash their hands with warm water and soap every time. We do practice self care skills in the classroom.

For the protection of all the children at school, if your child shows any symptoms of illness at home, please do not attempt to bring your child to school. Not only will they spread the germs, but he/she will be miserable. **Labeling:** Dress your child appropriately depending on the weather. When you send jackets, sweater, hats, etc. please be sure to label them all.

Emergency procedures: Effective Jan. 2, 2014 R 400.8161 Rule 161(1) we are required to implement emergency procedures. We do four fire drills, two tornado drills, one hazardous material, and 2 lockdowns in a year. We do prepare the students and make them aware

of why we practice the drills. Our students are very receptive and do very well. For the calendar year we are almost done with all the drills we have one more to practice before we go on our winter break.

Pancake Breakfast: On December 15th, each classroom will be having a pancake breakfast. The students and teachers will prepare the breakfast. We want to make sure that all the children have fun with their friends, therefore please do not be late. Be on time and drop your child off by 8:30AM. You can send your child in his/her favorite pajamas on this day. Our Olive PM children will definitely have their pajama party in the afternoon. They won't be left out.

Movie: Princess and the Frog rated G will be shown on this day.

Your Montessori Environment at Home

Your home environment can be for the children as well as the adults. Here are two important things to keep in mind in organizing a child's environment in the home. In order to have school and home connection the following will definitely help you to be consistent.

(1) Have a place in each room for the few, carefully chosen child's belongings: By the front door a stool to sit on and a place to hang coats and keep shoes. In the living room a place for the child's books and toys—neatly, attractively organized. Think out the activities

and the materials for all living spaces and arrange the environment to include the child's activities.

(2) Don't put out too many toys and books at one time. Those being used by the child at the moment are sufficient. It is a good idea to rotate—taking out those books and toys that have not been chosen lately and removing them to storage for a time. Children grow and change and they need help to keep their environment uncluttered and peaceful.

The Environment & the Mind Everyone at every age is affected by their environment.

Habits of organizing the environment reduce stress and aid the development of an organized, efficient, and creative mind.

A child who joins in the arrangement of an environment, and learns to select a few lovely things, will be aided in many ways with this help in creating good work habits, concentration, and a clear, uncluttered, and peaceful mind.

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