

Highlights of the Week

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend your child's Parent/Teacher Conference. I have always enjoyed conferences, because it's such a rare opportunity to sit across from your child's teacher for 15 uninterrupted minutes and hear about all your child does during the day. There is SO MUCH our children participate in while they are away from us at school that we never hear about from them.

As we near the end of the month, we are focusing on Events surrounding the first Thanksgiving. We are now looking at the relationship between the Native Americans/American Indians. Retelling the story of the trip over to the new world on the Mayflower helped the boys and girls realize that it was much different than any ship ride today. We reflected and discussed the crowded conditions, and lack of good food and room to run and play. Then we talked about the Pilgrims eventual arrival to land, their first horrible winter where children as well as adults worked non-stop to build their new life. The last thing on our agenda this week is reading a story called Stone Soup. It is a old fable about sharing. The story prepares the boys and girls for our annual November cooking project, instead of stone soup we made pumpkin cookies and decorated them with cran-raisins and sprinkles! Mrs. Moore made pretend stone soup with the children as they acted out the story. It was a fun Holiday celebration for all!

I would like to welcome Ms. Crowley to the Olive classroom. She comes with many years of experience teaching the Montessori philosophy. She is committed to help make your child's learning experience productive, stimulating and fun!



"Our goal is not so much the imparting of knowledge as the unveiling and developing of spiritual energy."

-Maria Montessori

Reminders:

- Please take the advantage of curbside service
- Please label all your child's belongings; boots, mittens, gloves, coats, hats, snow pants etc.
- Thanking giving break November 23rd -24th (No School)
- Cookies Around the World December 1st (NO KIDS CLUB) school ends promptly at 3:15pm
- Winter Recess December 22nd -January 2nd
- School Resumes January 3rd

Home/School connection

Winter has arrived early and so have snow boots, hats, gloves and the like! Full day and kids club children must have snow pants and "snow" (not fashion boots) boots for outdoor time. A.m. and p.m. half day children will play outside but not as often, weather permitting from 11:00—11:30. Boots and snow pants are kept at school during the week and are sent home for laundering as needed, unless otherwise requested.

All winter clothing must be clearly labeled with permanent marker- we have many duplicates with childrens' garments. Please be sure to send a change of shoes if boots are sent.