

# Montessori

## Children's Garden

*December 2007 Newsletter*

### Lights Around the World

We will be hosting a holiday celebration on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00 to 7:00 here at the Montessori Children's Garden. There will be activities, food, and decorations featuring Chinese New Year, Diwali, Santa Lucia, and Christmas. Students and their families are invited to attend. If you would like to volunteer helping in the classrooms or preparing food, please let a teacher know.



Winter break will begin **Thursday, December 20** and we will return to school **Thursday, January 3**. We wish everyone a happy holiday.



### Montessori Children's Garden Creating Joy with a Toy

We invite all students to pick out and purchase a very special toy, the one that will bring a smile to his or her face, and create some joy by giving to a less fortunate child at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital this holiday season. Please bring you "toy" gift to school from December 10 through December 18. We encourage you to wrap the toy and include a label telling what is inside, gender preference, and age. If you have any questions please contact Colleen shay or Jenifer Secrist at (319)-665-2428.

### Thank you!

Thank you to Stephanie Whitehead for her hard work on the catalog Helping Hands fundraiser. The school earned **\$1520** towards materials in addition to all of the wonderful gifts purchased by our generous parents. Thank you to the crew who helped Stephanie on the Saturday organizing all of the orders.

Thank you to Alys Thoensen for all her hard work on the poinsettia and wreath sale. The school made approximately **\$1400** which will be put towards our playground loan. Thanks to her merry crew who helped distribute the wreaths and poinsettias.

Thanks to a great group of parents who continually amaze us with your generosity.

Thank you to Caroline Montz's family for donating a DVD player for the school.

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Valerie from Red Cross came to the school to talk to the children about handwashing. She will be back on Wednesday, December 12 to talk to the children about winter weather. This is a free service offered to us and we have been very impressed with the presentations.



## REMEMBER!

Please help your child in putting their hats and mittens in their coat sleeves and in case you haven't heard us mention this, please label everything!

## Quotable Quotes

### Classroom Update

Mrs. Honey's class is working on the differences in plants and animals and space travel.

Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Jones' class is working on parts of the plants and space travel.

All classes will be busy in the next few weeks preparing for our celebration by decorating the school and making the food.

A child walks into the classroom with an Active Endeavors thermometer attached to their zipper. Another child asks, "Did she get a job?"

Teacher pointed to out to a child that she had side pockets on her pants. Child replied, "But look, I don't have any butt pockets."

Child says, "She's not really my neighbor, she just lives next to our house."

"My birthday is not in Iowa . It's a long drive to my birthday on 5 June."

"Are we going to do a science experience today?"

"I love my Mom but she is already married. I guess I will marry my sister or my grandma - but she only has one eye."

