



## Montessori Children's Garden October 2008

### Announcements

#### *Poinsettia sale*

The Montessori Children's Garden will host their Annual Poinsettia and Wreath Holiday Fundraiser. Each family will be asked to sell poinsettias and balsam wreaths. Please watch for a flyer and order forms. We'll be looking for volunteers to help on the distribution day. Annie Gill (Carly's Ephraim's mom) is organizing this event. Proceeds will go towards the new sandbox and climbing structure.

#### *Halloween Parade*

Our annual Halloween parade, to the North Liberty Rec Center and Community Library is Oct. 31. Children should arrive with their costumes on and a **labeled bag** with their change of clothes. We'll have them change into their clothes when they return from the parade. We'll leave at 9 a.m. and "parade" to the Rec Center. This typically takes about an hour. Any help either with the parade or for a few minutes afterwards would be welcome. Let your teacher know if you can help.

#### *Picture Day!*

Pictures Day is November 3. Mr. Halverson will begin taking pictures around 8:30. Siblings are welcome to come and have their picture taken on that day.

#### *School Conferences*

Conference Day is November 11. **There will be no school November 11 and November 26.** Childcare will be provided by us for students and siblings on November 11 during your conference. Sign up sheets will be posted outside the classrooms in the next few weeks for November 11, as well as some afternoons.

#### *Rollee-Pollee Order*

If anyone else wants to order a Rollee-Pollee blanket for nap/rest-time, we will be placing another order soon.

#### *For Small Hands*

Please look in your child's file for info about a fundraising opportunity which may help you with holiday gift giving. For Small Hands is a catalog resource for families for Montessori-like materials. We'll also be having a gift-giving tree in the front lobby—please take a card if you'd like to donate to your child's classroom.

#### *Corrections to the school directory*

- Amanda Rudkin (Kaitlyn Johnson's mom) is arekrj@hotmail.com
- Rebecca Steurer (Olivia and Bryn Russell's mom) is rasteur99@aol.com
- Ling Li (Karina's mom) is Ling-Li@uiowa.edu



## Classroom news

Mrs. Honey's class is studying living and non-living things, as well as the solar system.

Miss Tina and Mr. Sultan are studying the solar system as well as the difference between plants and animals.

Mrs. Jones' class is studying the Solar System and plants. Every class is busy, busy, busy!

### Spanish Class

Miss Blair has been working with the kids on learning color names, numbers, and family names.

### Washing Hands

Valerie from the Red Cross came to talk to the children about washing their hands. She read a story and showed them their hands under a black light to highlight the germs. She will be visiting us throughout the year with safety talks.

## Quotable quotes

Teacher: "What is white in Spanish?"

Child: "There is no white in Spanish."

Child: "Who wrote this book?"

Teacher: "Dr. Seuss."

Student: "Dirty Seuss?"

"I like cherry tomatoes but I have to eat them fast because I don't like the flavor."

One child was singing the solar system song and ended it with "And Plato is a dwarf." (It's supposed to be "And Pluto is a dwarf.")

A child was watching another class outside and said, "They are doing a exploriment."

