



MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S GARDEN

NOVEMBER 2008

Announcements

Thanksgiving Break

There is no school on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Our Thanksgiving break is Nov. 26-28. School resumes on December 1.

Picture Retake

Halverson Photography will be here December 2 for picture retakes.

Red Cross

Our friend from the Red Cross, Valerie, is visiting on Friday, November 21.

Tomorrow's Child

We hope you are enjoying *Tomorrow's Child* magazine. We'd like some feedback on the magazine. Are you enjoying it? Are you finding it useful?

Please Label All Winter Gear!

There are markers on table in our lobby for labeling your child's hats, coats, mittens, etc. Also, please take your children's coats, hats, mittens, boots home with you each evening. We have limited space where the coats are kept.

Thank you

Thanks to Annie Gill (Carly Ephraim's mom) for handling our Annual Poinsettia and Wreath fundraiser for us.

Distribution will be on Tuesday, Dec. 2 from 11:30-12:30 and from 3:30-5:30.

Staff News

Miss Laura will be leaving us at the end of November. She will be partnering full time with Emily Jones at The Montessori Nursery in North Liberty. We will miss her and we know the five-year-old group will as well.

Deb Deters will be replacing Laura during the five year old time and extended day. Ms. Deters has a BA in elementary education and a MA in special education. We feel very fortunate to have someone so experienced here.

Classroom news

Mrs. Jones' class is studying parts of plants and space travel. Mrs. Honey's class is studying the differences between plants and animals and the solar system. Ms. Tina is studying plants and the solar system.

Our field trip to K-9's went well on Monday. The children learned how to be a good friend to a dog, and the proper way to introduce themselves to a new dog. We learned the right way to ask someone if we can pet their dog, and we practiced this with our friends from K-9, Kathy and Tim.

Quotable quotes

A child commented on visiting the Statue of Liberty: “Did you know I visited the North Liberty Tower?”

After a teacher returned to school after being sick for two days, one child asked her, “Did you bring back anything I might want to know about?”

Child: “Ms. Laura, what are you going to be for Halloween?”

Ms. Laura: Oh, just Ms. Laura”

Another Child: “You mean you’re going to be a clown?”

The day after a child’s birthday, the child commented, “I’m going to be four ALL day today!”

One child asked, “Have you seen my coat? It’s blonde, like my hair.”

Boy: “He looks like a turtle.”

Teacher: “Hmmm...that’s interesting.”

Boy: “Yeah, McCain was in a war, that’s why he looks like a turtle. That’s why I vote for Obama.”

The day after the election, Mrs. Jones was absent. Ms. Cathy sat the class down for line time, and asked the children if anyone noticed that something was different today (meaning Ms. Kelly was substituting and Mrs. Jones wasn’t there). One child pipes up, “Yeah, Obama’s our president. That’s what’s different!”

