



MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S GARDEN NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2009

Cold weather is approaching. We say this every year, but **please label all of your children's outerwear: boots, coats, hats and mittens.**

Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in his/her bathroom cubbie in the classrooms.

Dates to Remember

Friday, November 13th:

No school on Friday, November 13th for parent/teacher conferences. If you have a conflict with that day, please contact your child's teacher and she/he can schedule a more convenient time.

Monday, November 23rd:

We will have a Thanksgiving celebration during school for the children on Monday, November 23. Each class will go to the multi-purpose room for 30 minutes to play games and do crafts. The older children will help facilitate the groups. If any parent would like to help, please let one of the teachers know.

Tuesday, November 24th:

Please help us celebrate Thanksgiving. On Tuesday, November 24, we will offer dessert to all of our families. When you arrive to **pick up** your child, you are welcome to partake in the Native American pudding that your children helped to prepare. There will be tables set up in the front entryway and teachers there to assist. Times will be at your child's regular dismissal time.

November 25, 26, 27:

No School — Thanksgiving Break!

Announcements

Pennies for Peace

The last day for our Pennies for Peace drive will be November 24. Some of the children will walk to U.S. Bank to get the money counted. Thank you for all of your support. Thanks to Corridor Coffee and the employees at the Coralville Public Library for collecting pennies for us.

Poinsettia Sale 2009

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. You should already have received your order forms and flyer. We will be looking for volunteers to help on distribution day. Annie Gill (Carly Ephraim's mom) is organizing the event. We will use the money raised to purchase a new bench for the front hallway.

Quotable Quotes

A Child asks, "Is there ketchup in those tomatoes?"

Child walks in rubbing his eyes and says, "My eyes are crappy."

"I have an allergy in my nose."

Two children on the playground, "I'll call you Dad. You call me darling and we'll go driving in the car."

"Is teepee a bathroom word?"

Classroom News

Mrs. Honeys' class is studying plant and animal classification and space travel.

Miss Tina's and Mrs. Jones' class is studying vertebrate and invertebrate animals, as well as the Solar System.

All of the classes will be doing Thanksgiving crafts.

The Red Cross came on October 28 to talk about the importance of keeping our hands clean and things to do to help prevent the spread of germs. They will be back on November 16 to talk about winter weather.

Five year old news

The afternoon five-year-old enrichment program is preparing for the Thanksgiving celebration by making a log cabin, teepee, clothes, and games for the rest of the children in the school. They are also doing a science experiment watching a decomposing pumpkin.

Spanish

Miss Blair has been teaching the Spanish names for family members. They will also begin learning about the country of Spain in the next few weeks.

Yoga update

Miss Laura attended a class to learn some more techniques for her yoga session that she does with the extended day children every Thursday.

