



MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S GARDEN NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011

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

Also, please make sure your child has a seasonally-appropriate change of clothes in his/her bathroom cubby in the classrooms.

Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday, Nov. 23rd**—No school, parents/teacher conferences. There will be childcare provided. If that day doesn't work for you, please don't hesitate to schedule a more convenient time with your child's teachers.
- **Nov. 24th and 25th**—Thanksgiving break
- **December 1st**—Poinsettia pickup day

Poinsettia Sale

Order pickup will be on December 1st from 11:30-1:00 and 3:30-5:30PM. We are looking for volunteers to assist with distributing the orders during the pickup times listed above. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Alys at thoensen@southslope.net. Thank you for your support of our school. We will be using the proceeds to purchase outdoor musical instruments.

Thank you to Alys Thoenson for all of her hard work on the poinsettia sale.

Results of our food and clothing drive

Our food and clothing drive yielded 15 bags of clothes and 155 pounds of food. The North Liberty Food Pantry was especially grateful to be able to offer their families such a wide variety of food. The North Liberty food pantry is located at the Methodist Church here in North Liberty.

Picnic Tables for Sale

We are selling our two child-sized picnic tables for \$50 apiece or best offer. We are replacing them with a low table that will be better for building with blocks. We can put it on craigslist but wanted to open it up to you first. We also have some landscaping bricks out by the playground free for the taking.

Announcements

Please remember that the children should bring bags that will fit in their cubbies. We just don't have the space for big backpacks in the cubbies or on our coat racks.

Our extended day teacher Brigette is having foot surgery and she will be out until January. Ginny Boyles, a friend of Brigette's from Cornell College, is filling in for the next two months. Thank you Ginny!

All the children need to have a bottom and a top blanket for rest time. Please remember to take them home on Friday to launder.

Classroom News

Mrs. Jones' class is studying the elements of the earth, plants, sense of smelling, and magnetism.

Mrs. Honey's class has been working on their solar system and Thanksgiving projects, as well as the sense of sight.

Ms. Emily's class is studying the sun, plants and the sense of touch.

Ms. Tina's and Ms. Joy's class are working on solar system, space travel, and plants

Quotable Quotes

"I got a haircut on both sides."

"I'm getting better at my throw up skills."

Teacher: "How do you say thank you in Spanish?"

Child: "You're welcome?"

The First Thanksgiving (as told by Miss Becky's class)

Teacher: The Pilgrims came over on a big ship called the Mayflower. Do you know who was at the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?

Child: Mrs. Jones?

Teacher: Does anyone know who was already in America when the Pilgrims landed?

Child: Dinosaurs?

The teacher then explains the story of the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims and Native Americans.

Child: Was baby Jesus on that ship?

