



***THE JOURNEY NEWSLETTER***

***December 2024***

***We hope your holidays are filled with laughter & love.***

***Happy December, Creative Minds Family!***

***It's hard to believe that 2023 is almost over! This year has flown by so quickly, and we walk away with so many beautiful memories gained. This month, we will celebrate Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and so many more beautiful celebrations. As we wrap up this calendar year, we're excited to share some enriching Montessori activities for your children to enjoy during the winter break. Additionally, this year holds special significance for us as we come together to support a cause very close to our hearts.***





*Dear Parents,*

*We have a small update for you—our Winter Concert has been moved to Friday, December 20th, thanks to the early release already scheduled that day. So, mark your calendars and get ready to enjoy the festivities!*

*In the morning, we'll be hosting a Holiday Party (yes, there will be snacks!), and we'll send out a sign-up sheet soon for anyone who wants to contribute. Feel free to bring your best party snack—extra points for anything that doesn't require a napkin!*

*Also, we're adding a fun little twist this year: a Holiday Book Gift. Please wrap a book that you'd like to gift your child and label it with their name. We're skipping the book exchange this time around—trust us, it can get tricky with everyone trying to figure out who brought what!*

*A little secret—don't let your child know about the book gift! We want to keep it a surprise. You can drop the wrapped book off at the front office anytime before the 20th, and we'll make sure it gets to them on party day.*

*The Winter Concert will take place from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM that evening. We would love for you to come watch your talented children perform.*

*The schedule for each classroom's performance will be shared soon.*

*We're looking forward to celebrating with you all—it's going to be a fun day!*

*Best regards,  
Neha Verma and Aasma Aamir*





## A Word From Our Teachers:

*As the academic year comes to a close, we wanted to express our heartfelt gratitude for being part of such an amazing year. Your child's dedication, curiosity, and growth have been a joy to witness. We appreciate your ongoing support, which has played a crucial role in making this year a success. Wishing you a wonderful winter break filled with joy and relaxation.*

## Winter Break

*We will be closed from Monday, December 25th -Wednesday, January 1st-Thursday, 2025 for Winter Break.*

### ***Important dates & Events!***

*December 3rd, 4th, 5th: Parent Conference\**  
*December 20th: Holiday Party and early release at 2:30pm and Winter Concert 5:00pm-6:30pm*  
*Dec 25th-Jan 1st: Winter break (School closed)*



### **Birthdays!**

*December 10th: Ms.Neelkamal Chandresh (Ms. Neelu)*  
*December 12th: Ms.Araely Velazquez (Ms. Anaa)*  
*December 6th: Ellie Akele (leap frog)*  
*December 10th: Harper Moeyedi*  
*December 16th: Hope Morris*  
*December 17th: Jayceon Gibson*  
*December 21th: Kaustubha Pokala*  
*December 30th: Jaime Le*





## ***Montessori Activities for Winter Break:***

***Nature Exploration: Take advantage of the winter weather by encouraging your child to explore nature. Whether it's a snowy walk or a chilly nature scavenger hunt, these activities promote curiosity and a connection to the environment.***

***Cooking Adventures: Involve your little chefs in the kitchen! Cooking together fosters independence and fine motor skills. Try creating simple recipes like baking cookies or making a dessert together and watch their confidence grow with each measured ingredient.***

***Creative Arts and Crafts: Unleash your child's creativity with DIY crafts. Gather household items and art supplies to inspire imaginative projects. Decorate your Christmas tree or the house with crafts that you make together (or crafts for Hannukah/Kwanzaa) It's a fantastic way to enhance fine motor skills and self-expression.***

***Reading and Storytelling: Cozy up with a good book or create stories together. Reading aloud stimulates language development and nurtures a love for storytelling.***

*Ho ho ho!*

