

NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year



A Special Message from Our Teachers!

Thank you so much for taking the time to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences, and for the trust you place in us as partners in your child's learning and growth. Your support and collaboration mean so much to our entire school community. Our dedicated Montessori educators are excited to welcome your children back into their classrooms, where thoughtfully prepared environments inspire curiosity, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning. As always, our focus remains on nurturing responsibility, independence, and respect in each child. We appreciate your continued support in reinforcing these values at home, helping to create a seamless connection between school and family life.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the generous holiday gifts, kind words, and expressions of appreciation. Your thoughtfulness and the love you consistently show our teachers are truly meaningful and deeply appreciated. Thank you for being such a supportive and caring part of our Montessori family.



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A portion of the old Scots song Auld Lang Syne, translated into English, says:
"And there's a hand, my trusty friend, and give us a hand o' thine..."

As we begin this new year, may we do so hand in hand—for auld lang syne, or "for old long since." May our community continue to grow closer with each passing year, and may we always be the first to reach out a helping hand to those around us.

As we step into January 2025, we welcome each of you back to our Montessori community with open hearts and eager minds.

Reflection on 2025

A Year of Growth and Discovery
Before embarking on the adventures that await us in the new year, let us take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we shared in 2025. It was a year filled with growth, discovery, and countless meaningful Montessori moments.

Our children blossomed into independent learners, creative thinkers, and compassionate individuals. Together, we celebrated achievements both big and small, fostering a sense of community that makes our Montessori family truly special.



Reminders

Upcoming Events

- Please note that the semi-annual supply fee of \$150 per child will be charged in the month of January for the children more than one year old.
- January 1: New Years Day (School Closed)
- January 2: Back to School
- Funkey Kids New Paid Activity



HAPPY Birthday

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| Jan 5 th | Ms. Jullett |
| Jan 5 th | Bassam Kuzbari(Leapfrog) |
| Jan 14 th | Camila Mustafa |
| Jan 22 nd | Ishaan Shankar (Leap Frog) |
| Jan 26 th | Arsh Kilwani (Leap Frog) |
| Jan 26 th | Julien Tezaguic (Kangaroo) |

Topics!



- Week 1: Snowman
- Week 2: Antarctica Animals
- Week 3: Arctic Animals
- Week 4: Lunar New Year





Montessori inspired winter Activities

Indoor Activities:



1. Winter Sensory Bin – Create a sensory bin with winter-themed materials such as cotton balls (snow), pinecones, small plastic animals, and spoons. Encourage your child to explore, sort, and engage in imaginative play.
2. Montessori-inspired Practical Life Activities – Buttoning coats, folding scarves, or sweeping up "snow" with a small broom. These tasks help develop fine motor skills and independence.
3. Nature Collage – Collect leaves, twigs, and other natural items during your outdoor walks, then have your child glue them onto a piece of paper to create a winter nature collage. This activity helps with focus, fine motor skills, and creativity.
4. Simple Winter Cooking – Get your child involved in making simple winter treats like homemade hot cocoa, baking cookies, or preparing a fruit salad. This helps teach them about measurements, sequencing, and kitchen skills.
5. Winter Books and Storytime – Share stories about winter, snowflakes, and animals in the cold. You can read books together or create your own stories, fostering language development and imagination.

Indoor Activities:



1. Nature Walks – Bundle up and go on a nature walk with your child. Collect fallen branches, look for animal tracks in the snow, or observe winter birds. This helps foster curiosity about nature and the seasons.
 2. Winter Sensory Play – Let your child explore the cold by touching snow or ice, feeling the texture, and comparing it with other elements, like ice cubes. This sensory exploration promotes sensory development.
 3. Outdoor Sorting Game – Using natural elements like rocks, pinecones, or sticks, you can create a sorting game where your child sorts by size, color, or shape. This enhances cognitive and motor skills while enjoying the outdoors.
- These activities provide wonderful opportunities for learning and growth while nurturing your child's love for nature and discovery. Remember, the goal is to make learning enjoyable and hands-on. We encourage you to enjoy this winter season by connecting with your child through playful, enriching experiences both inside and outside. We hope these ideas inspire you to make the most of the winter months together.