



# MCH News December 2018

*"Of all things, love is the most potent."*

*-Dr. Maria Montessori*

## **Dear Families,**

The month of December simply flew by as we began our study of birds and Europe and prepared for the holiday season. The backyard became a sledding destination and the children gained confidence on the sleds as the days passed. What fun to watch! Welcome Winter!

We appreciate your efforts to send LABELED outdoor winter gear that allows them to enjoy the weather and comfortably play. Names labeled on every hat, scarf, and mitten helps us make sure everything is with the right child.

In the classrooms, our line times have been spent singing songs about birds and holiday favorites and learning some cultural dances.



We do, of course, celebrate the season and many of its cultural traditions, but tried to keep our classrooms free of most of the hullabaloo surrounding the holidays. Instead, we placed more focus on the current wonders of nature; changing weather, migrating birds, shorter days, and longer nights.



#### Extended Day Updates:

The class expanded as we added Miles and Sophia and we are looking forward to Sidney joining us in January. We expanded the morning lessons on Bird work and Europe to make books and learn more about European folk stories. The children were proud to complete their own stories from the Author's Chair into a book of short stories that they were able to take home in time for the holidays. In Math, they continued working with numbers 0-100 and we added some holiday fun to our counting the Wednesday before the break. In art, they enjoyed creating snowmen with homemade puff paint. Since there is less sunlight this time of year, we also made sun catchers to hang in the windows.



In the Primary environment, we bring the world to the classroom through the beautiful cultural materials. Some of these exercises include the Montessori globes, puzzle maps, as well as geography pictures and books that showcase families, clothing and shelter. Other times, group lessons are given on traditional clothing, food, currency or artifacts of a specific continent or country. Sometimes we are fortunate to have parents share with us what it was like to grow up in another country. Each experience is valuable and helps build the foundation for respect and tolerance of others. We plant the seed for exploration of our world in the hopes that one day our children will visit these far off places and be a positive influence in our world.



## Happy December Birthdays

Grace – December 2

Ryan – December 11

Taylor – December 29

## Calendar

January 2-- school resumes

January 21 – MLK Day SCHOOL CLOSED

January 24—Extended Day info night 6:30-7:30

We wish you all the best in 2019!

Happy New Year!

Warmly,

MCH

