



Early Bird Montessori  
Preschool  
2-6 Years

# Early Bird Montessori Newsletter



December 2011

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## Announcements

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> is our holiday Book exchange. Please send a book on or before Dec 8<sup>th</sup> with your child's name on it.

Our Winter Concert will be on Friday, **December 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:00 PM!** The children are enjoying practicing their holiday songs. We will be having a holiday potluck after their performances. We hope you can join us for a fun afternoon of holiday songs, food, and family!

We need parent volunteers to decorate and set up the hall. Please let us know if you are available.

Soon, teachers will be sending home the lyrics to the children's songs. We encourage you to help your child to practice with you.



## Special Thanks

There are so many of you who always show endless support to our school. We truly appreciate your generosity and kindness. We would like to express our special thanks to Siara's mom, Alex, for bringing a Thanksgiving feast for the children. The children enjoyed turkey, pumpkin pie and apple juice along with their stone soup. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving feast!!!! We also would like to extend our special thanks to Alysa, Lucy's mom, for bringing the mash potatoes. Thank you so much Elyse's mom, Maggie's mom, and Yuta's grandma for joining us for the stone soup Day.

## What We Are Learning in the Age 3-6 Classroom



Brrr! This cold and cozy December, the children will be learning about polar animals. We will take an imaginary field trip to the continent of Antarctica as we study its landforms and

We will also learn about how the holiday is celebrated in different ways around the world. If you are available to come to school and talk about your holidays celebration please let us know.

## Mandarin Program

All children are enjoying learning new Mandarin songs, as well as singing old favorites! This month, they will begin to practice writing numbers 1 to 5, and counting from 1 to 25. The colors orange, purple, and green will take center stage this month. We will also continue practicing the calendar and days of the week in Mandarin.



## What We Are Learning in the Toddler Classroom



This month will be filled with fun winter and holiday crafts! They will also continue to make letter collages of letters. We will also have a fun experiment about magnets. Children will be playing the "Does It Stick?" game to try to find out which things in the classroom stick to the magnet and which ones don't!

## Reminders

- Pick up reminders: Please pick up your children on your scheduled time to maintain the proper teacher-to-children ratio. Children must be picked up as soon as the dance and tuff tumbler class is finished. If you need to speak to the teacher or need time to collect your child's belongings, please come at least five minutes before 3:00 PM or 6:00 PM to allow enough time for the closing teacher to close the school.
- Please remember that our school will be closed for the holidays from **Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>**. School resumes on **January 2, 2012**. Happy Holidays!!!