



Early Bird Montessori
Preschool
2-6 Years

Early Bird Montessori Newsletter



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Announcements



Happy New Year! Last year proved to be very productive and fruitful. We will start fresh this 2012 with a few changes and updates with our school. We are excited to begin a new year with all of you!

Special Thanks

There are so many parents we want to thank! Our Winter Concert was a huge success due to the steady stream of support from all the parents who brought food, drinks, delicious treats, and desserts for everyone! Everyone had an amazing time enjoying holiday songs and scrumptious food with their families. Thank you for following, coming and sharing this day with us! Thank you to following, Vesnessa and Dave Brian fuller's parents for bringing the Turkey and helping us set up and Clean up. Big Thank you to Dave Emma and Maya's Dad for being "SANTA"

Also a special Thanks to Coreen Zoe's mom our being the announcer. Thank you to Martha Sara's mom and Alex Ethan's mom for helping us decorating the church Hall.

Our Thanks to the priest Fr: Michel and parish council to accommodate us during our special Events.

What We Are Learning in the Age 3-6 Classroom

Last month, we learned about Antarctica and polar animals. This month, we will journey to Asia and learn about it's geography!

We will be learning about Asia and the culture about Asia. Children will be making Sushi for their food prep. We will also celebrate Chinese New Year.

Any parents are interested talk about a country in Asia to the children feel free talk to the Class teacher. Also, if you have any materials from Asia such as currency, pictures that you would like to share with the class please send it along with your child.

For Zoology we will be learning about reptiles and we will have a visit from Sulphur Creek nature Center.

For botany, children will be learning about the parts of the flower. They will be dissecting a flower and taking a closer look at the role of each part.



Flower Donations: As part of this unit, we will be introducing arranging flowers for practical life work. If you have any flowers in your garden at home, you are welcome to bring them to school for the children to use.

Mandarin Program

Our Mandarin program continues to flourish as we learn new songs, and master the calendar in Mandarin. This January, we will focus on the colors, red, brown, and grey. We will also be learning how to write numbers 1-20. Days of the week, Months of the year and shapes.

Take a Peek Inside the Toddler Classroom

This January, we will focus on letters f,g,h We will be continuing with creating our letter collages for each letter. We will also be using other senses to learn our letters for this month, such as our sense of taste as we learn about and fill our tummies with nutritious foods that

RED feel free to bring in veggie or fruits the color RED. What a yummy and educational January!

We will also be learning about nature around us this month. We will be taking a nature walk in our playground and learning about trees, flowers, leaves, and other "friends" that visit our playground. We will also save the special treasures that we find in our nature basket, which will be on our shelf for the children to explore and examine with a magnifying glass during work period.



Get ready, Get set, Go! This month we will learn about different forms of transportation that go on the road, on tracks, in the air, and on water. We will be traveling in our imaginations and learning about signs, signals, and safety. We will have songs, finger plays, stories, crafts, puzzles, and activities focusing on transportation.



Special Projects and Sensory Activities:

- Finger painting
- Tire track art

- Match shapes and colors
- Play dough transportation shapes
- My traffic lights
- My favorite transportation
- stop sign
- Paint & car wash
- Things that go collage
- mixing paint
- craft stick airplane
- car color matching

Reminders

- **Sickness Policy Reminder:** Your child's health and safety is our priority here at Early Bird Montessori. To ensure that illnesses are kept from spreading especially this cold and flu season, we ask that if your child is feeling ill, please have him/her stay home for at least 24 hours, or until he/she is feeling better. Don't worry! We will make sure that your child gets the opportunity to make up any missed work when he/she gets back.
- **Nap Time:** Many children don't have their nap items. Our storage is very limited, so please bring the proper crib sheet and a light blanket for naptime.
- Please remember that our school will be closed on Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Day.
- Please note our breakfast finishes at 8:30 AM. If you are sending your child after 8:30 Please make sure that they finishes their breakfast at home.
- Due to several allergies our school is a nut free environment, please do not send anything to school

which contains nuts. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Volunteer Involvement

Our goal is to shape our school into the best Montessori school in the Bay Area. Once you enroll your child to school, it becomes your school as well. To make that dream come true, we need your help and support. Your tuition and material maintenance and development fee is taking care of most of our basic expenses. There are numerous ways that you can help us to make the school better. Please turn in your Parent Volunteer hrs if you have not yet turned in.