



## January 2019 Newsletter

### Happy New Year!

The teachers and board members at Sunrise wish everyone a healthy and a happy 2019. The children are happy to be back at school! Over the winter vacation our teachers did a lot of wonderful lesson planning and setting up in their classrooms. In January both classrooms will focus on animals that hibernate, migrate and stay active over the winter months. The children will also look at animal tracks for the animals that do stay active or that do not completely hibernate over the winter months. Now, if only we would get some snow so we could identify animal tracks in the snow!

In the meantime, the children continue to enjoy watching the winter birds feed from Classroom A's bird feeder outside. Those birds seem to be getting fatter and fatter. They are so plump and cute.



### Montessori School's of Massachusetts Conference

Last weekend, our Lead Teachers attended the Montessori Schools of Massachusetts Conference at Dean College. The teachers were so excited and inspired to share what they learned with their colleagues at Sunrise. It was also a nice time to see other Montessori teachers. This year 600 Montessori teachers from Massachusetts Schools attended the conference. This annual event is growing; we are so lucky it is held right down the street from Sunrise in Franklin, MA.

### Snow pants and boots

As the weather gets colder, snow pants and warm boots are necessary for outside play. If the temperature is below 15 degrees, we don't go out. The chill factor is also considered. On days above 15 degrees the children's playtime outside is usually shorter depending on how cold and windy it is. Please, just have them prepared for all kinds of weather and whenever possible, label their clothing items. Also consider sending in some extra pair of socks in case the ones your child is wearing get wet from snow. Thank you.

### Flu Season

The flu season is officially here. There have been several children out with the stomach flu or cold flu. Often parents will ask what supplies they can give to the school; during the flu seasons we seem to go through a lot of tissue boxes and paper towels. So if you want to, feel free to bring in a roll of paper towel or a box of tissues, and we will be very grateful to receive them. We are also reminding children to wash hands after sneezing or coughing.

### Snow/inclement weather delays and closings: (Also listed in the Parent Handbook – pg. 7)

For a 1 hour delay, classroom A will begin at 9:30 am and classroom B will begin at 10:00 am.

For a 1 ½ hour delay, Classroom A will begin at 10:00 am and classroom B will begin at 10:30 am.

2 hour delay means there will be NO morning programs, but afternoon and full day children may come to school at 12:00 pm (Please bring a lunch).

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## Other Upcoming Events & News

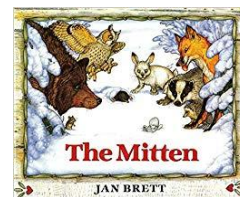
### Welcome to our newest family at Sunrise

Sophia May will join us this week. Her parents are Marissa and Eric.

### Jan Brett's Stories and Crafts

Second Jan Brett's Fundraiser – Stories "The Mitten" and "Snowy Nap" will be read on Friday, January 25 from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Teachers and children who come will wear their PJ's. Cost: \$18.00 per child.

The story "The Mitten" will be read using a flannel board. After the reading, the children can act out the mitten story with a very large flannel mitten and puppet stick animals.



The craft will be coloring different animals (characters in the story) and sewing together a felt mitten. Snow cookies will be decorated to take home.

The final story of the evening will be: "Snowy Nap" which is Jan Brett's latest book.

### Restaurant Night

Thanks to Vera and Kevin Holmes – our first Restaurant is scheduled on Monday, January 21st at Uno Pizzeria and Grill at 205 Hartford Ave in Bellingham. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday day, so there is no school and no extended day program. However, it could be a nice time for Sunrise families to meet each other during lunch time or an early dinner time. I will be attending at lunch time with my two beautiful grandchildren. (I am hoping that they are on their best behavior!) PLEASE BRING your UNO's flyer with you so that Sunrise will receive a percentage of your order total. If you need another flyer, just ask and we will send a few home during pick-up time. Flyers may also be given to your friends, colleagues, neighbors or anyone who enjoys dining out and wants to help fundraise for Sunrise.

## Looking Ahead

### 2019 – 2020 School Year

The priority enrollment period for current students, their siblings and alumni families has begun and runs through February 11th. There is no cost to re-register your child at Sunrise (siblings and new applicants to Sunrise do pay a \$50 application fee), but you should return the enrollment form no later than February 9th to reserve a spot for the upcoming school year. After this date, enrollment is open to all. Our goal is to hear back from all of our current families by February. If you have any questions, please call the office or email me.

### Admissions Open House

Saturday, January 26th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Please tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers about our upcoming open house. Open House events are open to the general public and no RSVP is necessary. Parents and their children are welcome to explore the classrooms, meet the teachers, watch a Montessori lesson and learn more about our programs. Application forms for the upcoming year will be available. If you know someone who is interested in enrollment, please refer them and remind them to list your name on their admissions questionnaire. You will receive a \$100 credit on your account if they list you as a referring family, and they subsequently enroll.

## Annual Fund Drive

Our Annual Donation Fund continues to grow, and it is now over \$1000.00

We have been fortunate that current families, board members, teachers, alumni and matching employer donors have given towards this fund.

No matter how big or small your donation is – it is truly appreciated, and it helps to maintain the quality of education and supports Sunrise.



## Box Tops 4 Education

Box Tops are fun to collect with your child and to place on the Box Top Paper that Nicole Hammerschlag provided for us. So far we have collected \$25.50 – Every box top is worth 10c. Thank you for supporting this program. Our goal is to reach \$250.00 by the end of the school year. I think that we can do it.

## On-going fundraisers

Sunrise participates in the Amazon Smile program. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com.

The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.



Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and sign in as you normally do on your desktop or mobile phone **browser**.

Go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to *Change your Charity* (look under Shopping Programs and Rentals) To select Sunrise as the charity you wish to support, type in Sunrise Montessori School in the search bar.

When you shop online, please keep Sunrise Montessori School in mind. Tell your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors....every eligible purchase helps our school. But remember, only purchases at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) (*not [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or the mobile app*) support charity.

**Recycle used ink cartridges** - Do you have used ink cartridges hanging around at home? Don't throw those out – Sunrise has a collection box for cartridges next to the office. Each month we turn them in at Staples for credit towards office supplies.



### Keeping in touch

If you have any questions or comments, please know that you can reach us via email. As the teachers are working with the children during the day, please note that a reply to your question may come after the afternoon dismissal or later. If your message is urgent and you need to reach someone right away, please call the school at 508-541-8010.

Enjoy your winter fun – skating, skiing or sledding!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please note that all current events, news and the academic year calendar are also found on the school's website: [www.MySunriseMontessori.com](http://www.MySunriseMontessori.com)

**Monday, January 21** - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. No school/no Extended Day.

Dine in at UNO's Pizzeria and Grill. Please bring your flyer.

**Friday, January 25** - Jan Brett Storytime and Crafts. 6:00 to 7:30pm

**Saturday, January 26** - Admission Open House from 11:00am to 1:00pm. All are welcome.

Please tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers. Applications for the 2019 - 2020 school year will be accepted.

**Monday, February 4** - Teacher Professional Day. No school/no Extended Day.

**Saturday, February 9** - Admission Open House from 11:00am to 1:00pm. All are welcome.

**February 18 through February 22** - School Vacation Week. No school/no Extended Day.