



January 2023 Newsletter

Dear Sunrise Community,

The past several weeks brought unpredictable weather but that didn't stop our Extended Day - Afterschool program from having fun indoors! Both Ms. Samantha and Ms. Jessica incorporate hands on, exciting projects daily to the afternoon program. If you are interested in having your child join in on the afterschool fun, please let us know!

Egg in Vinegar Experiment

This is a classic chemistry and osmosis science experiment. The children learned if you leave an uncooked egg in vinegar for several hours, eventually all the shell (calcium carbonate) will dissolve from the vinegar (acetic acid), leaving just the yolk and soft membrane behind! The students were excited to see what happens and they were so patient during the lesson.



Sunrise Open House Events for Prospective Families

I am happy to announce that our January Open House event was well attended, and our second event will be held on Saturday, February 4th from 11am – 1pm. Open enrollment has begun. Any current family which has not yet returned their application for the 2023 – 2024 must contact the office this week to secure an available spot. September 2023 enrollment space is very limited already. Thank you for spreading the word about our wonderful program!

Scholastic Order Due February 6

The scholastic book orders are due on February 6th. At the beginning to the school year, Marissa and Susannah provided an informative email on how our school benefits from ordering through scholastic and how you can connect to our Class Page at <http://orders.scholastic.com/KNYN8>

The scholastic flyers are sent home monthly in your child's backpack. Extra flyers are available in the office.

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Other Upcoming News & Events

Upcoming Valentine's Day at Sunrise

Tuesday February 14th is Valentine's Day. This fun holiday is all about friendship, love, and kindness. Traditionally the students bring either handmade or store-bought valentines to give to their classmates. The students take turns giving out their valentines, during the circle/group time, to ensure all valentines are distributed. The valentines should only be signed by the giver unless the child is able to read and write their classmates names independently.

Both Ms. Laura and Ms. Anselmo will provide individual classroom details via email about what to expect for that holiday. Please contact your child's Head Teacher directly for any questions or comments.



Sunrise's first Restaurant Fundraiser will be held at **The Chateau Restaurant** on **March 2nd**. Next month, you will receive an email regarding our first fundraiser at The Chateau in Franklin. Restaurant fundraisers are a great way to enjoy good food (even take out) and give a percentage (typically 10-15%) of that meal directly to our school. Thank you to our Parent reps, Marissa and Susannah for organizing this event.

Outdoor Recess Clothing Reminder

As you know, Sunrise follows the Department of Early Education and Care's weather policy and the students play outdoors as much as possible during the winter. Please remember to send the following items **daily** throughout the winter season: A hat, mittens or gloves, boots, a warm jacket, and snow pants or a snow suit (even if there is no snow). Snow gear provides protection from the frozen ground and cold temperatures. Also include a plastic or nylon bag with handles to put everything in. Please label all your child's outdoor items to ensure that any misplaced items get returned to its owner. When wet and/or muddy from outside play, these items will be sent home daily for laundering and must be returned the next school day.



Montessori Education Week

Montessori schools around the world will celebrate the 116th Montessori Education Week from February 26 through March 4. Throughout February our curriculum will be enhanced through stories of peace and special activities in the classrooms.

Think Ahead about Sunrise's Summer Program and Save the Dates!

Families have been inquiring about our Summer Program. This year we have 4 weeks scheduled. You may choose either the 5 morning or 5 full day option and you sign up is flexible, either week to week or for all 4 weeks.

Ms. Laura will lead the summer program along with Ms. Jessica as her assistant teacher. The weeks are as follows:

- Week 1 - June 19-20
- Week 2 - June 26-30 There is no summer program during the week of July 3-7 due to the holiday.
- Week 3 - July 10-14
- Week 4 - July 17-21

During the summer schedule, Sunrise does not offer the before or aftercare extended day program.

Sunrise's Summer Program is open **only** to current students and accepted students for the 2023-2024 school year. This format fosters a relaxed and cohesive group as the children already know each other while getting to meet a few new friends. The weekly themes, rates, and details for signing up will be provided in a separate flyer in the upcoming weeks.

Important reminder regarding attendance and arrival times

Please remember to let the office know if your child is not going to attend school for any reason.

Additionally, a reminder that school begins at 8:30am in the classrooms and drop off is from 8:30-8:45am. Please make every effort to arrive on time to ensure that your child does not miss important morning lessons and presentations. We appreciate your efforts in advance!

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.

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Website and Facebook

Throughout the year the school uses its website and Facebook page to inform parents of current events and to post pictures from recent events. Please take a look at www.MySunriseMontessori.com

Be sure to check out our “**Parent Corner**”. This page can be found on the menu tab of our website. Click on any of the hyperlinks to view the selected form or information page as a PDF.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 4: Admissions Open House for 2023 - 2024 from 11am - 1pm for new prospective families.

February 20 through 24: School vacation week; no classes, no extended day program

February 26 through March 4: Montessori Education Week

March 2: Restaurant Night at The Chateau, Franklin

Sensation Station dates to remember 10am-11am

February 7, 14, 28 - **Classroom A**

February 8, 15 – **Classroom B**

Pizza Days for full day students: February 3, 10, 17



Passive Fundraisers are just one of the many ways you can support Sunrise Montessori School!

Box Tops for Education

For over 20 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn cash for their school, with products they already buy. You have seen and clipped those rectangular box tops. Now you can simply scan your store receipt with the Box Tops mobile app to identify participating products and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online. Go to www.boxtops4education.com to learn more.



Recycle your printer ink cartridges

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



Restaurant Dine-In events

Throughout the year our fundraising coordinators will set up local restaurant dine-in events. Enjoy a great meal and the company of family and friends all while supporting local businesses and Sunrise Montessori School.



Grocery Shopping / Giving Bags

Purchase a \$2.50 reusable community bag at any Big Y, Shaw's or Stop & Shop store, follow the directions on the attached Giving Tag and direct a \$1 donation to Sunrise Montessori School (must be completed within 7 days of purchase).



AmazonSmile

This passive fundraiser is being discontinued by Amazon in February 2023. Thank you for your support.

Active Fundraisers

Mabels Labels

This on-going fundraiser provides great ideas for labeling your child's items. Check out: <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com/> and click on the school's name.

Scholastic Books

Each month parents will receive flyers from Scholastic Books which offer titles for children of all ages. Points from your purchases accumulate for the school which are then redeemed for new books and materials for the classrooms.

The Giving Tree

Check out the newly listed items on the tree, just inside the front door.

Amazon Wish List for Sunrise

Did you know? Sunrise has a Wish List on Amazon. Be sure to check out the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/Sunrise-Amazon-Wishlist> New items are added each month.



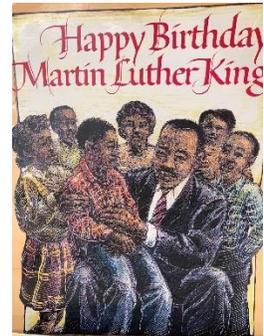
Classroom A Newsletter January 2023

Dear Classroom A Families,

Happy New Year! We have had an exciting start to 2023! We loved hearing what everyone was up to during the break. It was so nice to see the classroom so busy after returning from vacation!

Our class started off the New Year learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and why we celebrate his birthday on the third Monday of January every year.

We read the book *Happy Birthday Martin Luther King* by Jean Marzollo and learned that Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia in the United States of America. We discussed how Martin Luther King, Jr. asked people to not fight with each other and believed there was a way to solve problems peacefully. We talked about how Martin Luther King, Jr. is celebrated because he helped to change laws that were unfair based on what people look like and the color of one's skin.



We discussed how our skin is like wrapping paper - you can't tell what someone is like, or what's in their heart by the color of their skin! The children were asked to look at one of their hands and place it on the rug in front of them, while we took an overhead picture to see all the different shades of people in Classroom A! Thank you to Ms. Andrea for helping us take this photo! This photo will be displayed in the peace area of our classroom for the remainder of this year to remind us all how we can carry out Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream for peace!

This month in **Science**, we continue to learn about animals that hibernate and have also begun learning about the other ways animals prepare for the winter months like migrating and adapting! We read the book *Animals in Winter* by Henrietta Bancroft and Richard Van Gelder and discovered how animals adapt in the winter, that some animals migrate, and some animals hibernate! The children were surprised to learn that some animals that hibernate do not sleep the entire time, but just do not move or breathe as much!





Our class has begun learning about space! We started the Space Unit by introducing the cosmic cubes and talking about our place in the universe. The children enjoyed using the cosmic cubes to learn about the different ways to talk about where we live: from our house, to the town we live in, state, country, continent, planet, solar system, galaxy, all the way up to the entire universe!

We also learned about the Hubble Space telescope for the **Artist Study** this month. The children practiced being scientists at NASA and enjoyed putting pieces of photographs together and then adding color with watercolor paints.



In **Geography**, we wrapped up our North America continent study! The children presented the remainder of the *All About Me* pages that were turned in and they enjoyed asking questions and making comments and connections about each presentation. Our class will continue to learn the names of the countries in North America and work on the North American continent puzzle map throughout the remainder of the school year. The next continent we will explore is Africa! If your family has traveled to Africa, has pictures, or artifacts that you would like to share, we encourage you to reach out to us. We would love to have you share your knowledge and experience with our class!



We also learned about the Lunar New Year and discovered that this holiday is celebrated in China, on the continent of Asia, and is also celebrated by people all around the world! We learned this celebration is known by several names: the Lunar New Year, Chinese New Year, and the Spring Festival.



Our classroom discovered that the color red and dragons are symbols of luck and are often seen throughout Chinese New Year celebrations. Each child painted half of a paper plate to help create our own dragon that was displayed in the classroom throughout the celebration!

We were excited to learn that the celebration lasts for 15 days and towards the end of our classroom celebration, the children will cut out paper lanterns to hang around the classroom.

During **Kindergarten Afternoon**, the children have been busy working on handwriting and have also been working with the vowel boxes identifying consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) words using the pictures and labels! This month the children worked with CVC words with the middle sound “e”. They have also been working hard to learn the formation of numbers 0-9 and enjoyed completing icicle cards and counter work.



Here, the Kindergarteners are learning to propagate a plant; we will be able to observe the roots growing before repotting! The Kindergarteners also enjoyed going on a letter scavenger hunt to find the letters we’ve learned from the sandpaper letter box #1 throughout the pages of a magazine!



A few reminders:

I will send out information early next week about the upcoming Valentine’s Day celebration on Tuesday, February 14th.

Arrival is between 8:30-8:45 am. Please bring your child to school as close to 8:30am as you can. It is important for the children to have the opportunity to transition into the classroom independently. We also start the morning circle right at 8:45am and your child will miss out on valuable lesson presentations.

Please send your child to school with snow pants as they are sent home wearing them whenever we go outside.

Birthday Walk, Guest Reader, and Flower signups are attached! Please make sure to email me the date you choose so I can add it to the classroom calendar.

- [Birthday Walk](#)
- [Guest Reader](#)
- [Flowers](#)

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to Vaayu who celebrated his birthday this month!

Thank you!

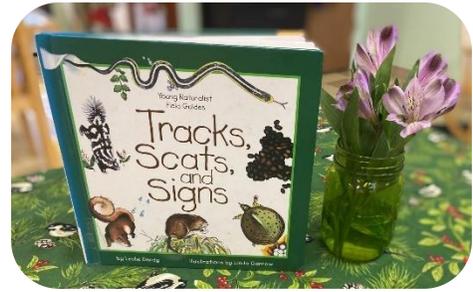
Sincerely, your child’s teachers,

Ms. Laura, Ms. Alka and Ms. Samantha



Hello Classroom B Parents,

Happy New Year! We are off to a great start! The children continue to learn more about various animals and their tracks. We were able to make an observation on the playground this past week after it snowed. The children noticed that there weren't many animal tracks, but lots of footprint tracks made by their friends. It was a great observation!



We also learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who was an inspiration to many people. The children learned how important it is to continue his legacy by offering peace to one another and by being respectful to all.

January also ushered in Chinese New Year. The classroom read books about the Year of the Rabbit, Chinese New Year, paper lanterns, dragons and learned many fascinating facts about this celebration.



In the **Geography/Cultural** curriculum area of our environment the children have moved on to exploring South America. They are discovering many connections between North America and South America as well as some similarities. We learned about the rainforest and many of the different animals; the children also listened to stories about the "Amazon River".



As we continue to explore these regions, activities have been incorporated into the **Language, Art** and **Zoology** areas of our environment. These activities will help to further develop our understanding of South America.



In **Zoology** the children are learning about migration and hibernation. We recently read books, had lessons and enjoyed many activities in this area. The children learned that the frog is an amphibian as it can live both in water and on land. They also learned that the frog hibernates; some birds migrate. The class made a great connection between the two and enjoyed working with the materials in Zoology.





The children enjoyed getting back into the swing of things at Sensation Station, even if we had to bundle up and walk in the cold.

Kindergarten Corner:

Our afternoon Kindergarten class is making tremendous progress in the **Language** area. The children are working on 3-letter phonetic words and practicing their writing skills. These activities indirectly prepare the child for sentence reading and build confidence.



A botany lesson was also given on plants and how to propagate them. The children will continue to observe the plants each day and take note of the root development.



It has been a very busy month. We look forward to exploring our environment as we celebrate Valentine's Day and embark on our journey to the continent of Africa during the month of February.

Sparkle & shine!

Ms. Anselmo, Ms. Angela, Ms. Jess & Ms. Emily