



## November 2022 Newsletter

Dear Sunrise Community,

### November is for Giving and Sharing

At Sunrise the focus in November was on Giving and Sharing. Here are some of the highlights from this past month.

#### Giving to the Franklin Food Pantry

This month Sunrise collected a large amount of non-perishable food items and personal care toiletries to donate to the local Franklin Food Pantry. Thank you to the families and staff members who helped make this donation possible for our community members in need.



#### Visit from Firefighter Matt on November 17<sup>th</sup>

Our school enjoyed a special visit and presentation from the Franklin Fire Department. Matt brought all his gear to suit up and share the importance of fire safety both in the classroom and at home. Matt also brought the fire truck for the students to walk through, and we even learned how the lights worked. This was so special this year as it was the first time since the pandemic that we have had special visitors in our program.



#### Sunrise Sharing Day in the Classrooms November 23<sup>rd</sup>

The past couple of weeks the teachers planned and prepared for Sharing Day. Students in Classroom A made a festive placemat for their classmates in Classroom B and the students from Classroom B created beautiful bookmarks for their classmates in Classroom A. During Sharing Time, both classrooms enjoyed singing songs, listening to a story, and eating (or trying) cornbread, homemade applesauce – that the afternoon kindergarten students made, and dried cranberries. It was so fun to have the classrooms interact and sit together again this year.



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## Other Upcoming News & Events

### Reminder of Upcoming Parent Conferences on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday is **Early Dismissal at 11:30am** for all students (no lunch) as conferences begin in the afternoon;

Friday - Parent Conferences all day and there is **No School**. Thank you for scheduling your Parent Teacher Conference. As part of the Parent Conferences, you will receive a written Progress Report from your child's Head teacher in advance by Wednesday, November 30th. The parent copy of the Progress Report will be sent home in a large envelope for you to review before the conference. As a reminder, your conference time is listed on the envelope. Please be mindful of your conference time. If you are bringing your child, plan to arrive a few minutes before your scheduled conference time to help your child get settled in our front classroom. Each conference is important, and we appreciate your time and punctual attendance. Our goal is to stick to the allotted time for each family. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!

### Upcoming Family Event – Potluck on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

I am happy to announce that Sunrise will be holding its traditional Family Potluck on the evening of December 16th from 6:30-8:00pm. The event will be held at Christalight Auditorium at 799 South Main Street in Bellingham (approximately 6 miles from the school). What makes this gathering fun is that everyone is welcome to attend. It is requested that you bring a food dish item to share (appetizer, main item, or a dessert - please list ingredients in case of allergies). During the Potluck event, families will have the opportunity to take a family photo at the Magic Mirror Photobooth (details will be provided at the event). More information and an invitation will be provided in the Parent Conference envelope.

### Outdoor Recess Weather Policy

Sunrise follows the Department of Early Education and Care's weather policy. If the temperature is at least 15 degrees or higher and it is not raining, the children play outdoors. The wind chill factor is what determines our outdoor play and the length of time we spend outdoors. This also means if the wind chill factor is below 15 degrees, we are not able to play outdoors at all. However, temperatures vary throughout the day, and we request that you send the following items daily: Hat, mittens or gloves, warm footwear, and a warm jacket. Please label all your child's outdoor items to ensure that any misplaced items get returned to its owner. Once the snow is here, please send in either snow pants or a snowsuit for your child to wear in the snow. Once the snow season is full gear, your child's snow gear will be sent home each day to ensure their items get dried. We appreciate your cooperation with this in advance.

**New Pizza Session** begins January 6 and runs through March 31, 2023 for students who eat lunch at school.

The remaining pizza dates for the current session are December 9th and 16<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up form for the 2<sup>nd</sup> pizza session is also included in the Parent Conference envelope.

### Sunrise Giving Tree and Amazon Wish List Donation Update

As you may know, the Sunrise Giving Tree and our Amazon Wish List is an ongoing donation option for anyone interested in purchasing something for your child's classroom. We continue to receive an incredible amount of donations through both options. This past month we would like to thank the following students and their families for their generous donations from Sunrise's Amazon Wish List: **Aidan Burke, Mason Finnan, Parker Heineke**. We received Wooden Letters Practicing Board, Solar System Model Board, Melissa and Doug Deluxe Letters and Numbers Wooden Stamp Set, Montessori Screw Board Sets, 2 Sets of Acrylic Book Display – Easel Holders, and three books titled, *Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring, Snow and North America*.

Also, thank you to alum student, **Owen Malouin** and his family, for their monetary donation. This donation was also matched by this family's employer.

Thank you to Alka Pai, Assistant Teacher in classroom A, for the donation of 2 portable air purifiers for the classrooms.

Congratulations to the Kadlik family on the birth of a baby boy in November!

## Inclement Weather Delays and School Cancellation Policy

Sunrise typically follows the Franklin Public School's inclement weather policy. In the event of a delay, closing, or an early dismissal, I will email the parent body directly. This policy is outlined in the Parent Handbook. You may also check the school's website [www.MySunriseMontessori.com](http://www.MySunriseMontessori.com) and Sunrise's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/sunrisemontessori](http://www.facebook.com/sunrisemontessori) for any weather announcements as well.

## 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](http://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

**December 1:** Early release at 11:30AM; Parent / Teacher conferences in afternoon

**December 2:** Parent / Teacher Conferences all day; no classes; childcare provided during conference time

**December 16:** Last day of classes; Potluck Dinner for all families

**Winter Break from December 19 through December 30, 2022**

**January 2:** Welcome back; classes and extended day program resume

**Priority enrollment for 2023 - 2024 school year for current students, younger siblings & alum families. Returning student re-enrollment forms and new student sibling applications will be sent out to all current families during the first week of January.**

**January 13:** Professional Development Day - no classes and no extended day

**January 16:** Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday - no classes and no extended day

**January 21:** Re-enrollment forms due from current families, younger siblings, alum families and Toddler Time participants.

**January 22:** Admissions Open House for 2023 - 2024 from 11am - 1pm for new prospective families; open enrollment begins.

**Sensation Station** dates to remember 9am-10am

**Pizza Days** for full day students: **December 9 & 16**

**December 6 & 13: Classroom A** “Sensation Station” dates

**December 7 & 14: Classroom B** “Sensation Station” dates

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

### Amazon Smile

Shopping online is not only convenient, but it can provide a benefit to our school. When you shop at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), Amazon will make a donation to Sunrise Montessori School, Inc. on eligible purchases.



To register and begin shopping, simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) on your web browser or activate in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. Select Sunrise Montessori School as your charitable organization **PRIOR** to shopping, and .5% of all eligible purchases will go back to our school. Add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier each time you shop. Or click on the QR code. Please tell your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors. Every purchase helps.

### 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](https://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).



## 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.

Dear Classroom A Families,

This month our classroom was busy getting ready to celebrate the Harvest and the many upcoming celebrations! As part of the **Grace and Courtesy** curriculum and in preparation for another celebration this month, our class was very interested in learning about place setting and pumpkin scrubbing in **Practical Life**. Our class worked hard to make placemats for our friends in Classroom B on Sharing Day. It was a fun project and the children enjoyed making the placemats by coloring and painting their hand to make the turkey! On Sharing Day we read *Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks* by Margaret Sutherland and we joined Ms. Anselmo's class on her rug to exchange sharing day gifts and a group snack. Our classroom sang a song for Classroom B that we worked on learning all month called *I'm Thankful*. The children did a beautiful job singing and signing along with the music!



The **Artist Study** this month focused on the Dutch painter Piet Mondrian. We learned about his style of abstract painting; art that does not show things that are recognizable such as people, objects or landscapes, but instead colors, shapes and textures. He used the colors red, yellow, and blue to paint between the black lines that are distinct to his style of painting. The children learned that these colors are primary colors using the color box #1 in the **Sensorial** area. The paintings produced were beautiful!



This month in **Science**, our classroom began learning about turkeys because of the Thanksgiving holiday, but also because turkeys are an animal that lives in North America! The children enjoyed using the 3-part cards to match the labels and pictures of the parts of a turkey. We read stories like *Where is Turkey Lurking?* by Stephanie St. Pierre and *Let's Learn About Turkeys* by Deanna Jump and Deedee Wills. Our classroom also laughed together while singing the Frank Leto song *Wobble, Wobble*.

In **Geography**, we started reading the book *North America* by Allen Fowler and *Discover the Continents: North America* by Emily Rose Oachs to learn more about the continent we live on. We are learning about the animals, the countries, food, and landmarks of North America! We are so excited to continue our North America continent unit study. Thank you to everyone who has completed the **All About Me** form that was emailed. We are looking forward to hearing the students share about themselves during the presentations!



We hope everyone had a great month of celebrations!

Thank you to Ms. Roeber (one of the founders of our school and the former school director) for donating the tulip bulbs that the children planted in front of the school! And we also want to say Happy Birthday to Advik who celebrated his 5th Birthday and year around the sun!



Just as a reminder please dress your child appropriately for school with coats, hats, gloves/mittens, and snow pants if necessary. If it is not raining or too cold out, we will try to get outside as much as we can during play time! We look forward to meeting with everyone at conferences!

Thank you!

Sincerely, your child's teachers,

Ms. Laura, Ms. Alka and Ms. Samantha



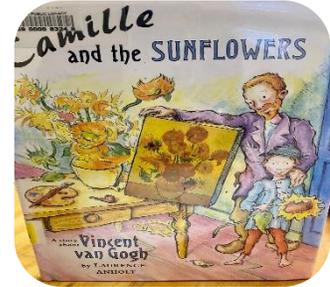


## Classroom B Newsletter November 2022

Hello Classroom B Parents,

November has been a busy month. The weather changed, all the leaves had fallen off the trees and the pumpkins that had been in the classroom moved outside so that the children could see the continuation of the decomposition process.

In **Art** the children were introduced to several of the paintings and the life of famous artist, Vincent Van Gogh. After studying his work called "sunflowers", many of the children created their own masterpieces.



In **Geography** our class continued to learn about North America and where we live in this great big world. We started at the continent level, moved down the country level, then onto several states (some of our classmates live in Rhode Island while others live in Massachusetts) and then finally we focused on the towns where we live. The children had many exciting things to tell! This was the perfect way to introduce our study of the pilgrims and Native Americans and Thanksgiving. We discussed family traditions and stories and thought about how these celebrations may have been different 400 years ago.

These activities complemented **Sharing Day** in the classrooms as classroom B made bookmarks and then exchanged these with the placemats that their friends in classroom A made. It was a fun-filled week before the break.



In other news, the Kindergarten children tapped into their chef skills and learned how to make apple sauce. They did this by learning how to use a crockpot, apple peeler/corer/slicer, as well as adding and measuring a variety of spices. Hands on learning is an important process and I think many of the children even thought about being able to try out their new culinary skills at home. After the applesauce was completed, the Kindergarteners shared what they created with both classrooms.

We were also able to make the connection between sharing and what we all have in common in our **Science** curriculum as we focused on “All About Me”. This puzzle is a hit with the children. They learned about many of the bones and organs in their bodies.



In **Language** a popular activity included working with upper and lower case letters using our turkey themed cards. In **Zoology** the horse puzzle also provided the opportunity to match parts of the animal with the names of those parts. Visual association is a key component in early childhood.



Thank you for reading our newsletter.

Ms. Anselmo, Ms. Angela, Ms. Emily, and Ms. Jessica

