



November 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

November 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 great amount of non-perishable food items, as well as cleaning products, personal care toiletries, and pet food 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.



Decorating for Sunrise



You may have noticed our driveway pots are newly decorated with Arborvitae, berries, and pine sprigs for the upcoming season! Thank you to Lisa, (Nicholas Mier's mother) for shopping and planting. It's beginning to feel festive around here, and we will enjoy the decorations all season.

Sunrise Sharing Day in the Classrooms November 23rd

The past couple of weeks the teachers spent a great deal of time planning and preparing for Sharing Day. First the students were paired together to make a special place setting for a classmate from the other classroom. During Sharing Time, they enjoyed singing songs, listening to a story, and eating (or trying) cornbread, applesauce, and dried fruits on the special place settings with their classmate. It was so fun to have the classrooms interact and sit together this year. Many students were so excited to be with a classmate from the other classroom!



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Other Upcoming News & Events

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. Updates to the Giving Tree list are attached to this newsletter and are available on the school's website. Thank you to the following students and their families for their generous donations this month: Eva Goedhart, Isla Hix, Kelby Feeherry, Vincent Luzzo, Asher Kadish, Maja Thaker and an Anonymous donor!

Giving Tree item - Work Rug Assortment, Small Wooden Display Stand (2 stands) and Crayon Rocks (2 sets)

Amazon Wish List - 6 bottles of Liquid Hand Soap; 1 bottle of Mr. Clean product; Land and Water Forms book; Backyard Bird Book Set of 3 – Robins, Cardinals, & House Sparrows; Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring book; My mindful day - Empathy book

General donation - Cleaning Wipes and Tissues for the Classrooms

I am always amazed by the generosity of the Sunrise families. Every contribution helps maintain program quality and standards. Our school appreciates your ongoing support. Thank you so much!

Reminder of Upcoming Parent Conferences on December 2nd and 3rd

Thursday is an **Early Dismissal at 11:30am** for all students (no lunch); 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, December 1st. 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 in advance.

Upcoming Family Event – Potluck on December 17th

I am absolutely thrilled to announce that Sunrise will be holding its traditional Family Potluck on the evening of December 17th from 6:30-8:00pm. The event will be held here at the Moseley Complex (but not at the school). It will take place in the building next to our school - beyond the courtyard. Don't worry, you won't miss it as we will mark the location and have staff members ensure that everyone finds the location on that evening. 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). Also, the children will enjoy a performance from Storyteller Andrea Lovett. Andrea is from Abington MA, and she has been storytelling since 1992. It will be a fun event for all. More Potluck details along with an RSVP will be sent out during the second week of December!

New Pizza Session begins January 7 and runs through April 1, 2022 for students who eat lunch at school.

The remaining pizza dates for the current session are December 10th and 17th

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 go 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.

For Small Hands fundraiser

For anyone who may have missed the group order, there is still time to earn credit for the school. If you or anyone you know would like to order from For Small Hands, the eCatalogue can be found at:

forsmallhands.com/flip

Feel free to send out to family, friends, grandparents, relatives and share on Facebook!

Our school code is 130331

Our school will receive 10% credit back on all orders over \$25. Individual orders may be placed up until December 31st to receive credit.

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

December 2: Early release at 11:30AM; Parent / Teacher conferences in afternoon

December 3: Parent / Teacher Conferences all day; no classes; childcare provided during conference time

December 17: Last day of classes; Pot Luck Dinner for all families

Winter Break from December 20 through December 31, 2021

January 3: Welcome back; classes and extended day program resume

Priority enrollment for 2022 - 2023 school year: current students, younger siblings & alum families

January 14: Professional Development Day - no classes and no extended day

January 17: Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday - no classes and no extended day

January 21: Re-enrollment forms due from current families, younger siblings and alum families

January 22: Admissions Open House for 2022 - 2023 from 11am to 1pm. Open enrollment begins.

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 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

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. Also listed through the school's website.

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/y3mpcpa3> 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 celebrations that were happening this month! We shared a group snack together and tried toasted pumpkin seeds from our classroom Jack-O-Lantern as a way to introduce the concept of a harvest and what that means.

The children were adventurous and tried tasting this food for the very first time ...and liked it!

Another celebration we had early this month was **Diwali**! Thank you so much, Ms. Alka for sharing with us how your family celebrates Diwali.

Ms. Alka shared with us traditional clothing, *diyas*, and jewelry that the children got to explore and some even tried things on!



At the end of the month, we also got to learn about and celebrate **Hanukkah**! We sang songs, used the wooden menorah to “light” the candles and children practiced spinning the dreidels!



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 flower arranging! Our classroom worked hard to make placemats that we used while eating our snack on Sharing Day! It was a fun project and the children enjoyed making the placemats for a classroom B friend, gluing on stickers and the fork, knife, and spoon as well as painting their hand to make the turkey!



This month in **Science**, our classroom has been busy learning about vertebrates vs. invertebrates. We learned that we are vertebrates because we have a backbone! Children have been sorting animals and pictures of animals to demonstrate their understanding.





We have also been learning about turkeys because of the Thanksgiving holiday, as well as turkeys being an animal that lives in North America! Children enjoyed using the 3-part cards to match the labels and pictures of the parts of a turkey, and loved taking a closer look at turkey feathers using the magnifying glass!



In **Geography**, 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 have loved seeing the students share about themselves and have been so impressed with the questions and connections made after the presentations! We are reading the book *North America* by Allen Fowler and *Discover the Continents: North America* by Emily Rose Oachs to learn more about the continent of North America. The children have been working hard learning about the animals, the countries, and landmarks of North America! We have even been learning about certain foods that come from North America as we approached Thanksgiving!



During **Kindergarten Afternoon class**, the Kindergarteners have been so busy learning about primary colors and secondary colors and using colored chalk and salt to make *rangolis* and creating fireworks in a jar in celebration of **Diwali**. The Kindergarteners learned about the artist, Wassily Kandinsky and continue to work on colorful concentric circle paintings, learning about turkeys, making predictions, playing “Roll a Turkey” and having a blast decorating apple turkey treats and making cranberry sauce to taste and share for Thanksgiving! The Kindergarteners are building food preparation skills, fine motor, Math, Language, and Sensorial extensions to further their learning in these subject areas!





We hope everyone had a great month of celebrations! And we also want to say Happy Birthday to Advik and Ibrahim who celebrated their 4th Birthdays 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 teachers,
Ms. Laura and Ms. Alka





Classroom B Newsletter November 2021

Hello Classroom B Families!

We began our month of November talking about what it means to be thankful; thus thankful was our word of the month! As you know, we have been collecting food for the food pantry, and this gave us the opportunity to have a discussion on how there are people who may not be able to buy food, clothing or other supplies they may need. This is why there are places called Food Banks or Food Pantries. It is a peaceful and kind thing to help people who may not be able to buy things for themselves or their family. So, if our moms and dads say it is okay, the children are encouraged to accompany their parents to the grocery store and buy some of the items on the list from the food pantry and bring it to school. Once all the food is collected, it will be brought to the food pantry so that people can get the food they need.

We also talked about the basic things that everyone needs to survive. All people need, food, water, clothing and shelter. Many of our friends and families are lucky to have a lot more than that. Many have TVs, phones, toys, games, bikes, and so much more! We can say that we are so grateful for being able to have all of those things! We also talked about how it is important to be thankful for our families and friends. The children talked about how our moms and dads work so hard to make sure that we are safe, warm, have a good place to live and yummy food for our tummies!

Practical Life:

Many really fun materials have been added in our practical life area! We introduced cinnamon grating. As you can see, this work uses a lot of fine motor skill to hold both the grater properly and the cinnamon carefully so that only the cinnamon stick rubs against the grater. The children were very attentive while I was presenting this work at group time, and I am happy to report that we did not have any cinnamon grating mishaps!



In addition, the children have been practicing folding cloth napkins, dusting and hanging small clothes on a table sized clothesline. Most of the children didn't know the name of the clothesline! And while it always makes me feel old when the children aren't familiar with some of our materials that we use in practical life, it does make me chuckle!

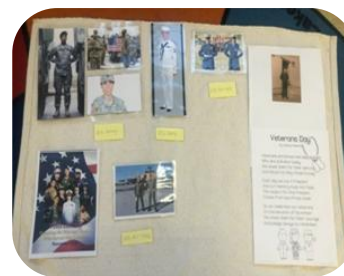
Geography/History:

In this area of our classroom, we are learning about North America and the United States. We looked at our country's flag and discovered that there are 13 stripes for the 13 original colonies and there are 50 stars to represent the 50 states. Our classroom has been practicing the Pledge of Allegiance, and the children are starting to learn all the words.



Since we are learning that the United States consists of a wonderful variety of people from many different cultures from all over the world, we had the chance to learn about Diwali! It is the festival of lights! The children had the opportunity to create their own *rangoli* pattern (a colorful floor design to welcome guests). We learned about the *diyas* (lamps) that are used during the Diwali festival to welcome the Goddess Lakshmi. The people who celebrate Diwali also worship the Hindu God, Ganesha. This festival is also celebrated to mark the return of Lord Rama back to his people and also includes yummy sweets (*mithai*) and fireworks!

As part of learning about the United States, we honored the men and women who keep us safe and free. We heard about the branches of military and saw pictures of men and women in their uniforms standing like soldiers, which is how we practice standing while we are in line! We talked about being thankful for our veterans because we are free to play, go to school, practice what we believe and celebrate!



As Thanksgiving is celebrated in November in the U.S. we talked about how the Pilgrims came to America so that they could be free from the discrimination they experienced in their former country, England. Pilgrims traveled across the ocean on the Mayflower for 2 months and finally made it to America. They met the Native Americans, who had already been living here for a long time. At first, the two groups didn't get along, and they began to fight. After a lot of fighting, they eventually decided that it was better to work together and get along with each other. They taught each other many things and learned a lot from each other's traditions. This is how the first Thanksgiving came to be!

Science:

In science, we focused on mammals and what it means to be a mammal. The children learned that mammals are warm blooded animals that have fur or hair, have backbones, a well developed brain and drink their mother's milk when they are born. The mammals we focused on this month include squirrels and deer. We also learned about the common mammals that are native to Massachusetts, including the black bear, bobcat, raccoon, cottontail rabbits, beavers and many more! Of course, we had to learn about turkeys this month even though they are not mammals. We learned that male turkeys are called toms and females are called hens. Only the male turkeys make the *gobble, gobble* sound while female turkeys make other sounds. Turkeys eat mostly berries and seeds but sometimes they will eat small animals, too. The flap of skin that hangs over the turkey's beak is called a snood. The skin around the neck is called a wattle. If a turkey is excited or angry, these areas turn brighter red. If a turkey is scared, this skin will turn blue. Turkeys are actually really interesting birds!

We read our annual story, *Clarence, The Cranberry Who Couldn't Bounce* by local author Jim Coogan from Cape Cod. We learned about cranberry bogs, how cranberries grow and are gathered and packed up for sale. We learned about the parts of the cranberry, and the children are even going to collect some seeds to plant in soil to see what will happen!



Finally, as part of our Thanksgiving sharing, both classrooms made placemats for a friend in the other classroom.



Then on our Thanksgiving sharing day the children were able to give their friend the placemat and sit together to enjoy their yummy Thanksgiving treats!

We wish you all a peaceful and safe Thanksgiving!

With Peace and Gratitude,
Ms. Kristin and Ms. Angela

These items are located in the Montessori N Such online catalog



See: <https://www.montessori-n-such.com/>



Animals 3-part wood tiles
with objects
L8331K \$41.95

Children will love working with these captivating sets of beautiful lacquered hardwood Animal Tiles and appealing miniature plastic replicas.

The picture-only tiles can be used for vocabulary building, matching the wood tile to the corresponding object as well as for sorting activities. Beginning readers can use all 3-parts: read a word label, match it to the picture-only tile or to the mini object, then use the control card to check their work.

Set includes 12 subjects (36 wood pcs, 12 quality plastic miniatures) and comes with a storage bag.

Animal Tracks wood
memory
N10477 \$6.95

Memory games are fun for all ages. Children will enjoy matching and learning about animal tracks. This includes 20 track-printed 1.5" diameter rounds (10 pairs). Each pair features an animal's distinctive print. Rounds are unfinished and engraved. Game includes a cloth bag.

Children will love playing this game over and over again, then going outside to find different animal prints in nature.

True to Life Leaves
wood puzzle
N7792 \$14.95

Breathtaking, realistic illustrations of 9 different leaves. This wooden leaf puzzle features smoothly sanded, chunky raised leaf pieces that make it easy for hands to grip.

The name of each leaf is silk screened next to it for easy identification. Depending upon the level of the user, they can just match each colorful leaf to the picture on the puzzle board, for a more challenging puzzle experience they can learn the leaf names, study leaf shapes and characteristics, locations of leaves and lots more!

3-D Flowers felt for
nomenclature
N6561 \$14.95

This felt flower set includes 10 different colorful, detailed flowers and a beautifully embroidered flower bag for storage. Teaching the names of each flower will be a cinch with this soft delightful 3-dimensional felt set.

Excellent for language development, literacy activities, science studies and as a mystery bag exercise. All of the flowers have Velcro® on the back and can be used with a Velcro receptive board as well as assisting in orientation of the flower.

Bowl : Wood Square
South Pacific
P6840 \$7.00

Handmade smooth Acacia hardwood bowl for serving dry foods, sorting items or transfer exercises.

classrooms hope to receive 2

Creamer : Charming Look
A Like Glass
P8159 \$6.50
classrooms hope to receive 2

This graceful, luminous transparent 3 oz. creamer looks like glass but is virtually unbreakable and shatter proof!



Perfect for pouring exercises and are made of polycarbonate; a light weight plastic that has unbeatable strength. Creamers are approximately 2"H. Holds 3 oz.

Punch/Push Pin Felt Pads
A7089 \$5.25
classrooms hope to receive 2

Children love to punch pin different shapes! Simply place a particular shape, such as a puzzle piece or geometric shape on top of a piece of paper and follow the outline while piercing small holes with our stylus.

Depending on how close the holes are made, it creates a dotted line of the object or cuts the shape out. Place paper on top of the 1/4" thick felt pad to cushion perforations and to protect work surfaces.

Shapes 3-part
wood tile cards
S8721 \$25.00

Children will love the feel of these beautiful, smoothly polished wood tiles making these 3-part cards a classroom treasure. After children have had concrete experiences with shape manipulatives they can increase their vocabulary and reinforce their understanding of shapes with our set of 36 wooden rounded cards (12 different shapes). Drawstring bag included. Tiles are 3-1/2 x 2-1/3".

Includes: Circle Triangle Square Rectangle Oval Trapezoid Octagon Pentagon Rhombus Hexagon Cross Star

Fraction Shape matching
puzzle board
S1594 \$15.95

Not only are these wooden puzzles excellent for little hands because of the chunky pieces, they also provide a nice introduction to fractions. Nine different puzzles on one puzzle board! Children will enjoy learning shape and color discrimination while developing fine motor skills. 8 x 8" board. Colors of blocks may vary. Ages 2+

1 - 10 wooden counting &
tracing 2-sided board
M9930 \$46.95

This Maple wood board supports one to one correspondence and fine motor development. Children will enjoy placing and counting the small wooden spheres. This set also has a tracing dowel which allows students to practice tracing the formation of letters, while using the correct pencil grip.

Set includes wooden board, wooden dowel and wooden spheres. Additional replacement spheres available and sold separately.

