



Children's House Montessori

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REINDEER PHOTOS AND PONY RIDE- DECEMBER 6TH



For the first time at CHM we will be having reindeer rides with a complimentary photo that may be purchased between \$5 and \$25. All ages are welcome to be photographed and ride however if a child is unable to sit up on their own a parent would need to be present for the picture and ride! They will be at our school this **Thursday, December 6th** from **9:30am-11:00am!**

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 20th

CHM's annual Family Christmas Party is **Thursday, December 20th, 2018** from **5:00pm-7:00pm.**

- **Santa will be here from 5:00-6:30**, \$5 per photo.
- Cookie decorating
- Holiday musical performances by the Toddler, Transition and Primary classes!
- **Classroom parties and book exchange will be on Friday, December 21st.** Sign-ups will be outside classroom doors.



BAD WEATHER UPDATES

As we enter the winter season I wanted to remind parents that we will follow Allen ISD's closure/late opening schedule. We will post all weather delays, closures and announcements via Tadpoles.



Open
daily at
6:30am

THURSDAYS – 9:00am

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FRIDAYS – 9:00am

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TEACHER FAVORITES



A couple of families have asked us to provide a list of the teacher's "favorites" so they may get a holiday gift for them. Our teachers work hard every day providing lots of love and guidance to our students so I was very happy to oblige. The list of favorites is attached.

DECEMBER'S THEMED UNIT OF STUDY

In addition to our core curriculum (Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Math, and Culture) our students get a themed unit of study each month. This month it is **Animals and Habitats**. Over the course of the month students will learn about **Jungle, Desert, Water, and Arctic animals and habitats**. We will also be focusing on the color white, rectangle shape, and letters J, K and L.

MONTESSORI FOCUS - PINK TOWER

This month our feature is the **Pink Tower**.

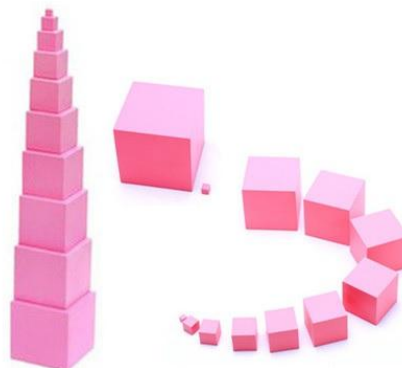
The pink tower has ten pink cubes of different sizes, from 1 centimeter up to 10 cm in increments of 1 cm. The work is designed to provide the child with a concept of "big" and "small."

The child starts with the largest cube and puts the second-largest cube on top of it. This continues until all ten cubes are stacked on top of each other.

The control of error is visual. The child sees the cubes are in the wrong order and knows that they should fix them.

Educational Effect/Purpose:

- Introduction into early algebra, more precisely to algebraic series of the **third power**, usually taught in fifth grade
- The child is refining visual-motor coordination and is strengthening their ability to concentrate.
- Visual and muscular perception of dimension leading to an abstract understanding of size
- Awareness of dimension leading to intelligent observation of size in the environment
- Coordination of movement
- Perfection of hand movements
- There are 10 cubes because 10 is the basis of our number system



EARLY RELEASE & HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Below is a list of dates the school will be releasing early or closed for the holidays.

- **Monday, December 24th – School Closed**
 - **Tuesday, December 25th – School Closed**
 - **Monday, December 31st – Early Release (12 noon)**
 - **Tuesday, January 1nd – School Closed**
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REVISED AUTO DRAFT OPTION

We are now accepting credit, debit, and ACH payments! All **credit card payments will have a 2% fee, debit card payments will have a 1% fee, no fees will be assessed for ACH payments**. Our updated Auto Draft Authorization form is attached to this email.

TUITION IS DUE

Just a reminder that tuition is now due. You may pay either by credit card, cash or check. If you want to keep your credit card on file please fill out our Credit Card Authorization form at the school.

PARENT REFERRAL PROGRAM - \$100



We love referrals and we love you so much we want to give you **\$100 tuition credit!** If you know someone who is looking for child care we would love to show them around and put some extra money in your pocket. The \$100 credit will be applied to the tuition following the first month of the referred student.

CLASS BOOK EXCHANGE PARTY - DECEMBER 21st

December 21st, we will have our classroom Christmas Parties. Please have your child bring a wrapped, book that is \$5 or less to school. The classes will play a fun game where each student will come home with a new book (different from the one they brought). If possible try to pick a gender neutral book because a boy or a girl could be receiving it as their gift.

