

DECEMBER 2019

NEWSLETTER

The greatest development is achieved during the first years of life, and therefore it is then that the greatest care should be taken. If this is done, then the child does not become a burden; he will reveal himself as the greatest marvel of nature.

-Maria Montessori

Upcoming Events

- Dec 13: Winter performance
- Dec 20: Book exchange and Santa visit
- Dec 24: Early release at 12pm
- Dec 25– 26 School closed for Christmas
- Dec-31 Early release at 12pm
- Jan 1-2: School closed for New Year & Teacher in-service
- Jan 3: Spring semester begins
- Jan 20: School open for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

DECEMBER 2019: CHRISTMAS AND WINTER WONDERLAND

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2	3	4	5 BRING A BOOK ABOUT WINTER	6 HOLIDAY CRAFT
9 SANTA AND ELVES	10 REINDEER	11 NORTH POLE	12 BRING A BOOK ABOUT SANTA	13 WINTER PERFORMANCE/ HOLIDAY CRAFT
16 CHRISTMAS TREE	17 WREATH	18 HOLLY & MISTLETOE	19 BRING A BOOK ABOUT CHRISTMAS	20 BOOK/ GIFT EXCHANGE AND SANTA VISIT! / HOLIDAY CRAFT
23 ORNAMENTS & STOCKING	24 EARLY RELEASE 12 PM	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 FRIDAY CRAFT
30 SNOW & SNOW-MAN	31 EARLY RELEASE 12 PM			



You will soon receive an invitation for the ChildPilot app. The app will allow you to check in your child with a smart phone, make payments via bank draft or credit card, view your tax statement, and make changes to your child's records (phone number, authorized pick up persons, allergy information).

Potty-training is a cooperative effort between the school and home. If the school and home are not consistent, potty-training will take longer.

When your child begins potty-training, have them wear underwear as much as possible and avoid the use of diaper or pull-ups.

Dress your child in elastic waist pants that they can remove by themselves.

Remember, accidents will happen.; this is how they learn. Just be prepared and be calm. It's only temporary.

SANTA VISIT AND BOOK EXCHANGE

Santa will visit our school on December 20th, from 4:30 -6 pm, for our Christmas Party and Book Exchange.

We will share cookies and milk and have story-time with Santa!

Please bring a wrapped book to put in the book exchange on or before December 19th.

After School class will also participate in the book exchange.

Holiday closures, early release, and drop-in holiday care

12/20: Allen ISD early release. We will pick up After School students at 12:00

12/23 & 12/24: School is open. (After school students: We will be open for drop-in care with early closing at 12 pm on 12/24. The daily drop-in care rate is \$45 + \$2.50 for lunch.) If you will need to drop-in, please email us to reserve.

12/24: Early release at 12 pm

12/25-26: School is closed for Christmas

12/27-31: School is open. (After school students can drop-in, \$45/ day, \$2.50 lunch.)

12/31: Early release at 12 pm

1/3: Spring semester begins



SHOULD I COME TO SCHOOL OR NOT?

For the safety and well-being of all our students and faculty, students should remain at home when they exhibit signs of illness, including but not limited to:

- **Fever greater than 100.0°F.** They must be fever-free (without use of fever-reducing medications) for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Vomiting (2 or more episodes)
- Difficulty breathing including requiring breathing treatments every 2 hours or more
- Diarrhea (2 or more episodes)
- Blood in stools
- Persistent abdominal pain that continues for more than 2 hours
- Rash with fever or behavior change
- Purulent conjunctivitis ("pink eye" with thick discharge from the eye)
- Head lice, must be completely nit-free
- Impetigo (a bacterial skin infection) until 24 hours after treatment starts
- Strep throat or other streptococcal infection, until 24 hours after starting antibiotics and fever has ended
- Chicken pox, until all sores have dried and crusted (usually 6 days)
- Feeling too ill to comfortably participate in activities