



January 2024 Newsletter

Dear Sunrise Community,

Special Guest Reader for Classroom A and B

You may remember reading about Karen Roeber last month for the Jan Brett fundraiser here at Sunrise. Karen returned to our program again sharing another Jan Brett themed book and art project. It is a pleasure having Karen at our program and we look forward to next month's visit!



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 is Saturday February 3rd from 11am – 1pm. September 2024 enrollment space is very limited already. Thank you for spreading the word about our wonderful program!

Valentine's Day at Sunrise

This fun holiday is all about friendship, love, and kindness. Traditionally the students bring either handmade or store-bought valentines (a small card) to give to their classmates. Both Ms. Laura and Ms. Anselmo will provide individual classroom details via email about what to expect for that holiday and with the expected time/day that this will take place. Contact your child's Head Teacher for any questions or comments. Please Note: Please check with your child's teacher regarding treats due to food allergies and sensitivities.

Restaurant Fundraiser at the Chateau in Franklin March 5th, 2024

Our second school restaurant fundraiser is at the Chateau in Franklin. For families new to our program, restaurant fundraisers are a way to support Sunrise while you eat! On **Tuesday, March 5th**, if you place a take-out order or dine in at the Chateau, please alert the server or the restaurant phone representative that you are participating in a fundraiser for Sunrise, and they will "Flag Your Check". Sunrise will receive a donation worth up to 20% of your total order. A flyer is included on page 3 of this newsletter for your reference. Please share this flyer and information with your friends, colleagues, co-workers, neighbors, and family to help Sunrise! Please reach out to either of our Parent Representatives or me with any questions.

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Other Upcoming News & Events

Extended Day-Afterschool Program

Ms. Jessica incorporates hands on, exciting projects daily to the afternoon program. Both she and Ms. Amanda provide a wonderful after-school space for all the students to enjoy. If you are interested in having your child join in on the afterschool fun, please let us know!

Snow Globe Activity and Art Project

The students enjoyed observing the snow globe experiment. For this activity, Ms. Jessica mixed water with white paint, added baby oil (discussed that the water and oil were insoluble), added alka seltzer tablets to create bubbles (discussed the baking soda ingredient in the alka seltzer tablets causes the bubbles).



The students enjoyed watching the bubbles move up and down in the jar.



Additionally, Ms. Amanda supported the students with making their own snow globe painting representations. Thank you, Ms. Jessica and Ms. Amanda!

Passive Fundrasier

Stop & Shop has selected Sunrise Montessori School, Inc. again as a Community Bag Program Partner! The school will receive \$1 for each \$2.50 reusable Community Bag sold during the month of February 2024 at: Stop & Shop, 40 Franklin Village Drive, Franklin MA Please help spread the word for this passive fundraiser.

Important reminder regarding attendance, tardiness, and dismissal 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 arrive on time to ensure that your child does not miss important morning lessons and presentations. Lastly, dismissal times for the morning program are between 11:30 – 11:40am for half day students and in the afternoon dismissal time is between 2:30 – 2:40pm. We appreciate your efforts.

Scholastic Orders

At the beginning to the school year, your Parent Reps., 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.

Playground – Outdoor Wear

During the next several weeks, the playground will be a combination of snow, possible soft ground due to the rain, and some mud. If we are able to go outdoors and if the ground isn't too muddy, the children will play on the playground. This means boots are a necessity (preferably waterproof boots that can be rinsed off easily). If we are unable to play on the playground, the teachers may decide to take their classroom on a walk around the complex. Whatever the decision may be, waterproof boots (or continued snow boots) are best to send in daily with your child. Also, please continue to send hats, mittens/gloves, a warm jacket daily, along with snow pants when temperatures are cold enough or if there is snow.

Think Ahead about Sunrise's Summer Program

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

The weeks are as follows:

- Week 1 - June 17-21
- Week 2 - June 24-28
- Week 3 - July 8-12
- Week 4 - July 15-19

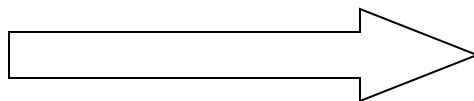
During the summer schedule, Sunrise does not offer the before or aftercare program. The weekly themes, rates, and details for signing up will be determined and provided in a separate flyer in the upcoming weeks.

Special Thank Yous

The Rojee family donated the following books from the Amazon Wish List (6 books in total):
What Do Living Things Need? I know it is NonLiving,
I Know it is Living, North America (Discover Continents book),
Africa, Is it Living or Non Living and also the
Wooden Peg board Beads Game "Color Sorting Matching Game".

The Tawbeh family donated the book *My First Ramadan* and the Tiny Team Home Cleaning dustpan set.

Chateau Fundraiser



Copies of this flyer are available from the office and on the school's website under Current Events.

CHATEAU
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Sponsored Fundraiser

A great way to raise money for local schools & non-profit organizations.

Our fundraisers are open to schools as a whole or individual sports teams and clubs

FUNDRAISER: SUNRISE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER DATE: TUESDAY MAR. 5TH 2024

LOCATION: FRANKLIN

How it Works:

1. On the Day/Date of your **scheduled** fundraiser visit your Chateau location for lunch, dinner, or take-out. Let your server or phone representative know that you are participating in the fundraiser and to "FLAG YOUR CHECK"
2. For online orders: Add the item "Fundraiser" to your cart and enter the name of your organization as a special instruction. Again, double check that the item "Fundraiser" has been added to your order.
3. After the event, we will contact you with your results. Your group will receive 20% of the total sales (before tax) from all the checks that were flagged for your fundraiser.

Click to place your online order now!

Check the school's website <http://www.MySunriseMontessori.com> and Sunrise's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/sunrisemontessori> for any weather announcements as well.

Looking for fun activities and events in February and beyond?

Be sure to check out **Community Kangaroo** – an online weekly e-newsletter that lists local events and information. See the [Franklin region edition](#) for upcoming events, fun activities and more.

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

Open House events: February 3rd from 11AM to 1PM. All prospective families are welcome to attend. Please help spread the word about ur school.

February 19 through 23: School vacation week. No classes; no Extended Day. Enjoy the time with your family.

February 25 through March 2: Montessori Education Week

Pizza Days for full day students: February 2, 9, 16 (no pizza on February 23 due to the Vacation Week Break)

Sensation Station (please arrive to school on time – the children walk to this program promptly at 8:55am)

February 1, 8, 15 and 29 **Classroom A**

February 7, 14 and 28 **Classroom B**

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

Tools For Schools

Shop at Price Chopper Market 32 with your enrolled AdvantEdge Card to help Sunrise earn new supplies and equipment. You may even donate your AdvantEdge Rewards points directly to the school! Follow the share links within the Tools for Schools page on <https://rewards.pricechopper.com/>



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 the 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).



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.

For Small Hands

Montessori items and activities for your child. Use the school code #573412 and Sunrise will receive a credit towards future material purchases through Montessori Services. For online orders, please visit forsmallhands.com or the eCatalog: forsmallhands.com/flip. You may also order via phone at (888) 513-3998.

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 listed items on the tree, just inside the school's 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: [Sunrise-Amazon-Wishlist](#) New items are added each month.

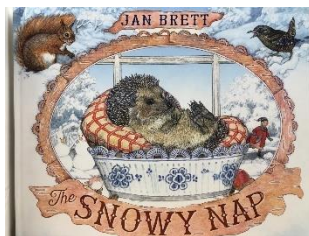
Dear Classroom A families,

Happy New Year! We have had an exciting start to 2024! 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! We have had a lot of fun learning about and playing in the snow!

Thank you to Mrs. Roeber for reading *The Snowy Nap* by Jan Brett to the class, teaching us new winter songs, and bringing a snowman and snowflake craft for the children to make and bring home! In **Art** we learned about making a collage and children cut up tissue paper and construction paper to glue and make their own snow storm! The children are also painting on the art easel.



fun in the snow



This month in **Science**, we learned about animal tracks and what animals do in the winter! We read *Footprints in the Snow* by Cynthia Benjamin and identified the tracks different animals make! Thank you to the Altieri Family for donating the animal track activity we used in the lesson. The children were excited to identify rabbit tracks and human tracks at the playground!



Our class also learned that animals hibernate, migrate and adapt. We read the book *When the Snow Comes*, by Jonathan Allen. The children were able to make the connection that humans adapt when winter comes by wearing lots of layers! We are excited to continue learning about hibernation, migration, and adaptation next month as well.



In **Geography**, the children have been working with the puzzle maps and are learning the names of the 7 continents. The children will continue to work on the North American continent puzzle map throughout the remainder of the school year, learning the names of the countries as well. The next continent we will learn about is South America. If your family has traveled to South America, 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!

Kindergarten class is going great! We are working hard on mastering our independence and skills. For this goal we are using the Language Boxes. These boxes have 3-letter Phonetic Words with pictures to help the child match each word to the picture. In the **Math** area we are working on the Stamp Game. The Stamp Game is a wonderful way to help the child transition from a 'concrete' understanding of the decimal system to a more 'abstract' understanding of it. The child is learning to build using the stamp materials, read, and write numbers into the thousands place!



A few reminders:

Information will be sent out soon about the upcoming Valentine's Day celebration on Wednesday, February 14th.



classroom helpers (jobs)

Arrival time each day 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 of transitioning into the classroom independently and for group lessons. We also start our classroom jobs next week! Your child may have a job during morning circle, which begins right at 8:45am.

Please send your child to school **with** snow pants. If you have one set of snow pants for home and one set for school, please let us know if you'd prefer to leave your child's snow pants at school during the week.

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to Mihir and Elle who celebrated birthdays this month!

Sincerely your teachers,

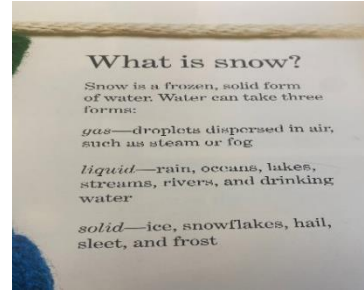
Ms. Laura, Ms. Samantha, and Ms. Karen



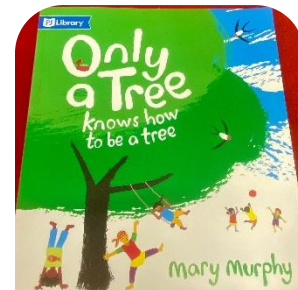
Classroom B Newsletter January 2024

Hello Classroom B Parents,

Happy New Year! The children have made a nice transition back to school after the holiday break. It was nice to discuss their holiday traditions. We enjoyed sharing stories about what each of us did over the vacation. This month in **"The Science Area"** we explored **snow**. For children as well as some adults, snow is full of wonder and can inspire great excitement — which makes it a great catalyst for sparking their interest. We explored climate, precipitation, crystal formations, animals, snow nomenclature, vocabulary, literature, art and so much more! What is snow you ask? What is it made of? The children learned that clouds are made of water vapor which is water that's in the form of gas. Snowflakes begin as tiny droplets of water. When it's warm these droplets might stick to other droplets and fall as rain. But when it's freezing, the droplets stick together and become ice.

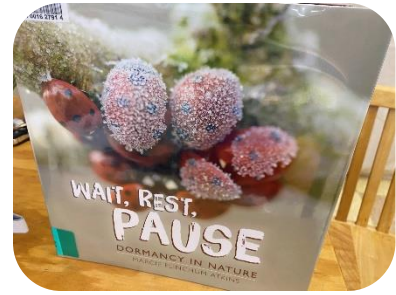


This month in **Cultural Studies** we learned about the Jewish holiday of **"Tu Bishvat"** which is a celebration of the "birthday" or new year for the trees on January 25th. Jacob's mom, Lindsay, came in to share their family traditions and to read a wonderful story to the children. We learned what trees give us - food, shelter for some animals and fruits. We went on a nature walk and sang *Happy Birthday* to all the trees. It was great to see the children make the connection and have an appreciation for the world around us.



A special thank you goes out to Lisa (Nick Mier's mom) for making these fascinating "Ice Ornaments" for our class to place outdoors and feed the birds and animals. The children were so excited to learn how to make them and also place them on the trees. We observed the ornaments each day to see how long it would take for the birds/animals to eat.

In **Zoology** this month the children are learning about dormancy which occurs when organisms are in unfavorable conditions and slow down their metabolic processes to a minimum to retain resources until conditions are more favorable. Plants may do this when there is a lack of water (see the photo of the trees on the right), while animals, such as the garden dormouse, hibernate, which is also a form of dormancy. 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.



Kindergarten class is going great! We are working hard on mastering our independence and skills. Currently we are working on Language Boxes. These boxes have 3-letter Phonetic Words with pictures to help the child match each word to the picture.



In the **Math** area we are working on the stamp game. The Stamp Game is a Montessori math material used to practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division operations. The stamp game breaks numerals up into single digits, tens, hundreds, and thousands.

It consists of colored-coded tiles and skittles that represent quantities. It helps to teach children mathematical operations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division in a more abstract form. Stamps or tiles are used to represent various numerals in the game. The stamps are then used to represent an equation, and the answer is determined by counting them. This is a wonderful lesson that the children truly understand and enjoy.



A special thank you to Mrs. Roeber, one of the co-founders of the school who visited our environment. She read a book about snow, then made snowflake art projects with the children as well as snowman activities. It was a fun-filled morning, and the children had a blast!

Friendly reminders * Information will be sent out soon about the upcoming Valentine's Day celebration on Wednesday, February 14th.

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Happiest of birthdays to our January friend ~ Josephine

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of Responsibility and the wings of Independence."
Maria Montessori

Love, learn & grow!
 Ms. Anselmo, Ms. Emily and Ms. Jessica

