

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

DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS AND WINTER WONDERLAND

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2	3 SNOW AND THE WEATHER	4 SNOWMAN	5 HOLIDAY CRAFT	6 WINTER PERFORMANCE
9 SANTA AND ELVES	10 REINDEER	11 NORTH POLE	12 HOLIDAY CRAFT	13 SANTA VISIT & BOOK EXCHANGE
16 CHRISTMAS TREE	17 WREATH	18 HOLLY BERRY & MISTLETOE	19 HOLIDAY CRAFT	20 BRING A BOOK ABOUT CHRISTMAS
23 GINGERBREAD	24 GIFT GIVING & RECEIVING; EARLY RELEASE 3PM	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL
30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL			



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 13th, from 4 -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 13th.

After School class will also participate in the book exchange.

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

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

12/23 & 12/24: After school students: We will be open for drop-in care with early closing at 3 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 3pm

12/25-1/2: School is closed for Christmas and New Year, and teacher in-service. Tuition will not be charged for this week.

1/3: Spring semester begins.

For parents who do still need child care during Christmas break, our Allen location is open for drop-in child-care from 12/23-1/3 except 12/25/19 and 1/1/20.

You have the option to drop off and pick up in Allen directly or to drop off at Plano between 8:30am-9am and we will transport the children to Allen for care.

Then you may pick up in Allen or pickup from Plano from 5:00pm-5:30pm.



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