



December 2022 Newsletter

Dear Sunrise Community,

The month of December is just about over and another new year is approaching. Before we move into the new year, here are some highlights from the final month of 2022.

From the Sunrise Staff

The staff received beautiful baskets and bags filled with yummy treats, candles, soaps and generous gift cards. Thank you to all the parents who helped make our gifts so amazing! Our school is truly blessed to have such a caring and generous parent body that gives to both our school and to all the staff members.

Family Winter Potluck Night

The Potluck event was wonderful and it was great to see so many families in attendance again this year. Christalight in Bellingham was a nice space for socializing and I hope everyone enjoyed the mirror photo booth. It would be great to have a collection of the family photos from the event. Please feel free to send along a family photo either from the photo booth or a photo from any portion of the event! We can put together a photo collage that can then be sent out to Sunrise families.



Thank you to the families who were able to attend and for bringing a special dish to share. It was great to come together as the Sunrise Community and sample the many delicious foods.

A very special thank you to our Parent Representatives, Marissa May and Susannah Barry, for organizing and preparing the staff gifts.

Re-enrollment Period and Process for Current Families from January 2nd – January 20th

Once school is back in session on January 2nd, all Sunrise families will receive important re-enrollment information via email. This email will contain a letter providing new tuition rates for the 2023 - 2024 academic year and options, along with a returning student application form (fillable online). To secure your child's preschool or kindergarten space for September 2023, please complete the returning student application form no later than January 20th – there is no application fee for re-enrollment of current students, but it is important to secure your child's space before the new student enrollment begins on January 21st. If you need an application for a younger child, please let me know as this form is slightly different. After you receive the re-enrollment email next week, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Other Upcoming News & Events

Sunrise Open House Events for new prospective families

Please help share the news to promote next year's enrollment by sharing our Open House Flyer with your coworkers, neighbors, family, and friends. The open house flyer is attached to this newsletter. The dates are on Saturdays (January 21st and February 4th). The time for either date is from 11am-1pm. Sunrise's Parent Representatives will be present for these events to help meet new families and provide a parent's perspective view!



And remember, our school loves referrals! See page 4 of the Sunrise Parent Handbook (this can be found on our website – go to the Parent Corner tab and scroll down the page to the Parent Handbook link – right after the newsletters). The school provides a \$100 tuition credit to any current family who refers a new family. There is a specific process, so be sure to read the referral guidelines in the handbook.

Health and Safety Illness Policy Reminder

To help keep our students, families, and staff healthy, I would like to remind the Sunrise Community about our illness policy.

It is important that sick children remain out of school when they are ill or have not fully recovered from an illness. This decreases the likelihood that germs will spread. Look for the following signs or symptoms if you suspect your child is sick before bringing him/her to school. Please refer to the Parent Handbook for more information about Sunrise's illness policies. Here is an excerpt taken from the Parent Handbook:

- Known exposure to someone who is either suspected of or confirmed with covid or a flu virus
- A temperature of 100 degrees or more, even if your child “feels fine”
- Chills, fever, or any other signs of illness
- A new loss of smell, taste, unexplained headache, or muscle aches
- A persistent cough – germs spread quickly when children cough and cover their mouths with their hands and then touch materials
- A runny nose with thick yellow or green mucus
- Red, itchy eyes which may or may not appear to be conjunctivitis (viral or bacterial)
- If your child has vomited within the past 24 hours
- If your child has diarrhea or persistent loose stools within the past 24 hours
- If your child appears lethargic or is not acting in his/her normal manner and is overly tired
- Any evidence of a viral or bacterial infection which may be contagious such as strep throat, chicken pox, fifth's disease, etc.

Please notify the office via email or by phone if your child is sick (and state the illness) or if they will be absent for any reason.

Outdoor Recess Clothing Reminder

As you know, Sunrise follows the Department of Early Education and Care's weather policy and the students play outdoors as much as possible during the winter. Please remember to send the following items **daily** throughout the winter season: A hat, mittens or gloves, boots, a warm jacket, and snow pants or a snow suit (even if there is no snow). Snow gear provides protection from the frozen ground and cold temperatures. Also include a plastic or nylon bag with handles to put everything in. Please label all your child's outdoor items to ensure that any misplaced items get returned to its owner. When wet and/or muddy from outside play, these items will be sent home daily for laundering and must be returned the next school day.

Sunrise Donations for December – Thank you!

A monetary donation was given by Sunrise's former Head of School, Karen Roeber and her husband, Paul.

Montessori Toddler Time Winter Session

Sunrise is excited to hold its Winter Montessori Toddler time session in January/February. Toddler Time is held once per week on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:45am over a six-week session. The program is currently full and we have four new participants. If you know anyone who might be interested in our wait list for the Winter session or for the Fall 2023 session, please let me know. This class is set up in the front Classroom C area and I lead this program along with the toddler's caregivers. The class schedule is: January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, & 8. The next session will be in the fall of 2023.

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

January 2: Welcome back; classes and extended day program resume

January 2 through January 20:

Priority Enrollment Period for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year: Current students, younger siblings, Montessori Toddler Time participants, and alum Families. Please look for the Re-Enrollment email the first week of January.

January 13: Professional Development Day - no classes and no extended day

January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday - no classes and no extended day

January 20: Re-enrollment forms due from current families, younger siblings, MTT participants and alum families

January 21: Admissions Open House for 2023 - 2024 from 11am - 1pm for new prospective families; open enrollment begins. Next open house on **February 4.**

Sensation Station dates to remember 9am-10am
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - **Classroom A**
January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1 – **Classroom B**

Pizza Days for full day students: January 6, 20, & 27

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

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.

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.

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/Sunrise-Amazon-Wishlist> New items are added each month.

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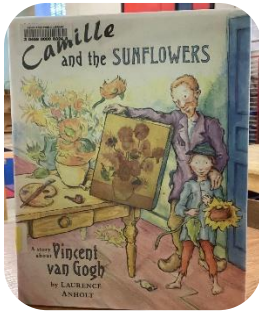
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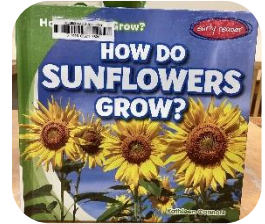
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Dear Classroom A Families,

We had a busy month full of celebrations! At the beginning of December, the classroom started off by celebrating Hanukkah and learning about the meaning of lighting the candles each night. The children loved to practice spinning the dreidels! Then, we read and learned many facts about the ways people celebrate the different holidays in December - Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.



The **Artist Study** this month focused on Vincent Van Gogh! The children enjoyed reading *Camille and the Sunflowers* by Laurence Anholt and learning about how sunflowers grow in **Science**. This month for the art project, the children recreated the famous painting *Sunflowers* by gluing and coloring on construction paper and coffee filters to create the sunflowers!



This month in **Science**, our classroom was learning about the changing of the seasons from fall to winter. We also learned about various plants that grow in the winter around this time of the year. We talked about evergreens and Christmas trees that stay green all year.



Our class had a wonderful time celebrating the winter solstice by wearing cozy PJs to school, making winter crafts, and having a hot chocolate treat to celebrate the longest night of the year!



We learned that the winter solstice is when half of the Earth is tilted the farthest away from the Sun and the least amount of sunlight reaches Earth. We know that the Sun gives us light and heat, and we learned how people celebrate the light returning as the days get longer and longer after the winter solstice!

In **Geography**, we continue to read the books *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 enjoyed listening to the **All About Me** presentations, learning about all the different holidays that are celebrated in North America as well as around the world in December.



During **Kindergarten Afternoon**, the students matched labels and pictures with the middle vowel sound “u” and continued number formation and recognition.

They enjoyed candy cane number tracing and we also made peppermint playdough together to celebrate the holiday season! The kindergarteners helped to measure and combine the ingredients and wrote down the recipes to take home!



We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the children in our class who celebrate birthdays this month... Happy Birthday to Evyenia, Avery, and Ellie!

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season! See you in the New Year!

Thank you!

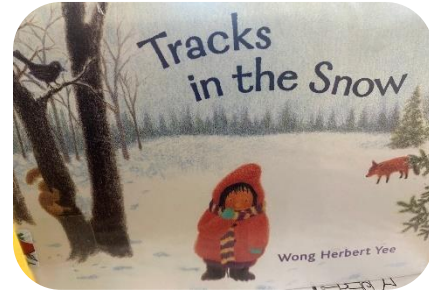
Sincerely, your child’s teachers,

Ms. Laura, Ms. Alka and Ms. Samantha



Hello Classroom B Parents,

December has arrived and has brought so much excitement into our environment. This month in **Zoology** the children learned about many different animals and their tracks. We explored the outside playground and found squirrel tracks in the snow.

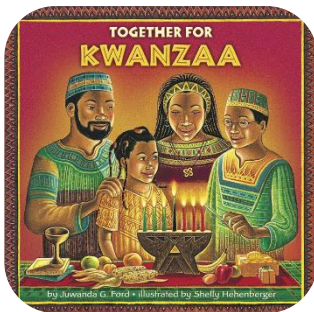
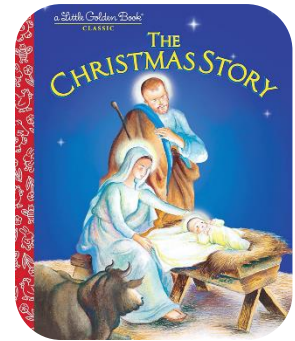


As part of our **Geography/Cultural** curriculum, our class has been learning about the different holidays in December.



Hanukkah is a Jewish festival that reaffirms the ideals of Judaism and commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem by the lighting of candles on each day of the festival.

Christmas is a Christian festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe was the son of God. For most people, it takes place every year on 25 December – the day that the Roman Catholic Church chose to mark Jesus' birthday. However no one actually knows the exact date Jesus was born!



Kwanzaa is a time of learning, family and celebration. During the week of Kwanzaa, families and communities come together to share a feast, to honor the ancestors, affirm the bonds between them, and to celebrate African and African-American culture.

In **Science**, the children learned about the winter solstice, which occurs on December 21st. In celebration of the longest night of the year, the children were invited to wear their pajamas to school. We read stories and enjoyed some hot chocolate. On Friday, December 16th, both classes participated in holiday arts and crafts stations throughout the school. The children had so much fun getting together and making these crafts. It has been a fun-filled month. We look forward to celebrating the holidays with our family and friends as we start our holiday vacation.



Kindergarten Corner:

It has been a busy month. In the kindergarten afternoon class, the children have been busy working on 3-letter phonetic words as an extension to the sandpaper letters lessons in their classroom environment. They are learning how to write their numbers and working hard in the **Everyday Living** Area to expand their concentration skills.



We also learned how to make colorful, scented peppermint playdough. They had a blast learning how to measure, knead, and make their own dough. They are excited to be bringing their creations home for the holidays.

The Sunrise team would like to wish you all a blessed holiday season. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, successful New Year.

Ms. Anselmo, Ms. Angela, Ms. Jess & Ms. Emily

Enjoying Sensation Station in December!

