

# November 2025 Newsletter

# **Dear Sunrise Community,**

It's the most wonderful time of the year. With many upcoming holiday traditions, let's stay calm and centered and adhere to our weekly routine as much as possible. At Sunrise, we strive for consistency in the classroom environment to help keep the students grounded. Of course, change is inevitable and learning how to adapt is important. Planning for change and involving your child in the process (discussing any upcoming changes in routine or schedule) may help them better prepare for something different and/or new.



# Parent Conferences Thursday, December 4th and Friday, December 5th

The first week of December is parent-teacher conference time. Please click on the appropriate link below to check your conference time. If you have not signed up already, please do so. Additionally, if you are not able to attend the conference, please notify both the office and your child's teacher directly.

To help keep our conferences on schedule, we request that you arrive a few minutes before your conference time starts. For your convenience, childcare will be available at no charge during your conference time (in the front room with Ms. Jessica and/or Ms. Amanda).

Classroom A Sunrise Montessori School Conference sign up - Google Sheets

Classroom B Sunrise Montessori School Conference sign up - Google Sheets

Upcoming Fundraiser Event - "Animals in Winter" on Saturday, December 6th, from 9 am until noon. Former Head of School, Karen Roeber, and I are planning our 3rd annual winter event for students. This event is a 3-hour student-only program on Saturday, December 6th, from 9am – 12pm. The cost is \$50 per student. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

The front room will be set up with various activities, crafts, cookie decorating, and a healthy snack station. A corresponding book for each station will be read by a volunteer and/or staff member highlighting snow and the winter season!

<u>Please email the school by December 2nd</u> if you plan to have your child attend. Cash, check, or payment by <u>Venmo | Sunrise Montessori School Inc.</u> on or before the event.

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# **Other Upcoming News & Events**

#### Time for Giving to the Franklin Food Pantry from December 1st through December 17th

Our annual food drive collection for the Franklin Food Pantry begins when we return from Thanksgiving Break. The Food Pantry is located at 341 West Central Street, and Sunrise is collecting necessary items and accepting monetary donations to support families who use the pantry. Our Food Drive begins on Monday, December 1st, and ends on Wednesday, December 17th. Donations may be dropped off when your child arrives in the morning or brought directly into the front room and placed into our collection bins at other times. Parent/Teacher conference days are the perfect time for dropping off items!

Please click on the link to view The Pantry's current needs - Franklin Food Pantry Needs

Listed below are a few donation categories from their website, along with the link to their current pantry needs. Sunrise appreciates your support in advance!

# **Pantry Needs - Franklin Food Pantry**

- Unopened, unexpired, non-perishable food
- Personal hygiene, Cleaning supplies, Pet food
- Items from The Pantry's Amazon Wish List
- Please consider placing your items in reusable shopping bags
- Plastic containers are preferred, as many of the clients are elderly and walk to the pantry, making heavy glass jars difficult to manage

#### **Outdoor Recess Weather Policy**

Sunrise follows the Department of Early Education and Care's weather policy. If the temperature is at least 15 degrees or higher and it is not raining/sleeting, the children play outdoors. The wind chill factor determines when and how long we play outdoors. This also means if the wind chill factor is below 15 degrees, we are not able to play outdoors at all. However, temperatures vary throughout the day, so we request that you send the following items daily: a hat, mittens or gloves, warm footwear, and a warm jacket. Please label all your child's outdoor items so any misplaced items are returned to their owner. Once the snow arrives, please send in either snow pants or a snowsuit for your child to wear. It is helpful to have a sturdy, plastic bag with handles (also label this with your child's name) to contain the snowsuit. Your child's snow gear will be sent home each day to ensure it dries. We are not able to leave snow gear at school, as most children will be wearing it home from the playground. We appreciate your cooperation with this in advance.

#### Thinking Ahead Regarding Inclement Weather Delays and School Cancellation Policy

Sunrise typically follows the Franklin Public School's inclement weather policy. In the event of a delay, closing, or an early dismissal, I will email parents directly. This policy is outlined in the Parent Handbook. You may also check the school's website www.MySunriseMontessori.com and Sunrise's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sunrisemontessori for any weather announcements as well.

#### **Next Pizza Session**



January 9th marks the start of our new pizza session, which runs through March 27th, 2026 for students who eat lunch at school. The final pizza date for the current session is December 19th. Sign up forms for session 2 will be available at the Parent Conferences and may also be downloaded from the Parent Corner tab on the school's website.

# **Ways to support Sunrise Montessori School**

Sunrise is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Our program operates on tuition, grants and donations from our community members. Our school is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, made up of our co-founder(s), and former and current parents. We rely on the generosity of others to help support our program. Your contributions and support are greatly appreciated.

- 1. **Sunrise Amazon Wish List** a great way to support Sunrise's classrooms. If you like to shop online, this is a great way to support our classrooms. Classroom and program material items are added each month to purchase and ship directly to our program. Please check out the following link: <u>Sunrise-Amazon-Wishlist</u>
- 2. <u>Sunrise Venmo Donation Option Venmo | Sunrise Montessori School Inc.</u>

Sunrise accepts donations through our Venmo option. Last year we created this donation option for our Spring Fair ticket sales and/or to make general donations. We are excited to continue this donation option. If you donate through Venmo, you may choose to highlight which area you would like to support:

- Sunrise Staff Professional Development Fund donating to this fund helps support our staff to participate in quality professional development opportunities such as The Montessori Event 2026 through the American Montessori Society (AMS) held in March 2026 in Washington D.C. and the Montessori Schools of Massachusetts (MSM) Conference held in January 2026 at Dean College. Professional development is a requirement for our staff, and it is important that every member be provided the highest quality of training to best serve the students and families within our program.
- Classroom Materials, Supplies and/or Outdoor Playground Development donating to this option helps contribute to keeping our classrooms and playground updated and beautiful. Material replacements are often costly in a Montessori environment as many of the materials are ordered through specific companies. Maintaining and updating our playground with quality materials is our highest priority. We appreciate our family involvement and commitment to our program. Please reach out anytime with questions or comments.
- 3. Participate in passive fundraisers throughout the year. Please consider supporting Sunrise through a passive fundraiser. There is no additional cost to you, but our school benefits either through school related supplies, vendor credits or a monetary donation.

#### **For Small Hands**

Montessori items for your child. Order anytime throughout the year, use school code # #130133 and Sunrise will receive credit. https://www.forsmallhands.com/scp/130331

#### Mabel's Labels

This popular fundraiser provides high quality labels for everything your child brings to school. Click onto the button to "support a fundraiser" and choose Sunrise Montessori School Inc (Franklin).

#### **Scholastic Book Clubs**

Parents, grandparents, family and friends are welcome to select quality paperback and hardcover books for children. The school earns points which can then be used to purchase classroom supplies, furniture and more books!

Sign in to your existing Scholastic account (for parents who have previously ordered) OR set up an account through our class page: <a href="https://orders.scholastic.com/KNYN8">https://orders.scholastic.com/KNYN8</a>

See the latest December flyers online.

#### Sunrise Amazon Wish List - Classroom Gift Idea

Many parents have already visited Sunrise's Amazon Wish List and purchased items from it over the past few months. If you are interested in buying something for your child's classroom, please visit the <u>Sunrise Amazon</u> <u>Wish List</u> to view special requests for our school. Several new requested items have been added to the list!

Thank you to the parents of Kairav Kumar, Mehr Khettry, and Akshaj Patel for purchasing and donating the following items from our wish list.

- Outdoor child's picnic table for our playground
- Foam balls
- Batteries (we go through quite a bit with the listening centers located in each room)



#### Sunrise Teacher Favorites Binder – Teacher Gift Idea

With the upcoming holiday season, many parents like to get their child's teacher(s) something special. If you are looking for an idea for that special teacher, please check out the blue binder located on the table as you enter our program. The binder has a sheet for each teacher with their favorites filled in. Take a picture of any of the sheets for reference or ask me to email you the staff file.

#### **Dependent Care Forms**

Rebecca Reda, Sunrise's bookkeeper, prepares the dependent care forms. Please remember to reach out directly to Rebecca at MySunriseBillingo2038@gmail.com if you have not already requested a dependent care form. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

#### **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.

#### **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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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Tuesday, December 2: Scholastic orders due. **Book Clubs** 

Thursday, December 4: Early release day 11:30am for Parent Conferences in the afternoon

Friday, December 5: Parent Conferences all day; no classes; childcare provided during conference time

Saturday, December 6: Wonderland Themed Event 9am-12pm. Enrolled students only

Thursday, December 18: Food Pantry Collection delivery

Friday, December 19: Last Day of Classes and Extended Care

Saturday, December 20: Join us at the Sunrise Marketing Booth from 10am-2pm Fairmount Fruit Farm Winter Market, 887 Lincoln St., Franklin – Stop by to say hello, help promote our program and spread the word to friends, coworkers, neighbors and more.

**Pizza Fridays**: December 12 & 19 This concludes session 1.

Sensation Station: Classroom A attends on Thursdays; Classroom B attends on Wednesdays

# Winter Break from December 22, 2025 through January 2, 2026

Think ahead to next school year's enrollment - Priority enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year for current students, younger siblings, & alum families. Returning student re-enrollment forms and new student sibling applications will be sent out to all current families during the first week of January. More details will be sent out next month.

If you know of a business which will display our open house flyer, please let me know and I will provide one or more for you to post. In the past, many local restaurants, workplaces, gyms, coffee shops, etc.... have displayed our open house flyers on public announcement boards. Thank you.

Friday, January 2: Professional Development Day - no classes and no extended day

Monday, January 5: Welcome back; classes and extended day program resume

Monday, January 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday - no classes and no extended day

Friday, January 23: Re-enrollment forms due from current families, younger siblings, and alum families

Saturday, January 24: Admissions Open House for the 2026 – 2027 school year from 11 am to 1 pm.

Enrollment applications will be accepted from new families; open enrollment begins.

Please tell your friends, neighbors, coworkers and anyone who has young children in their family.







#### Classroom A Newsletter November 2025

Dear Classroom A families,

We are very busy as the holiday season approaches. The year is already going by so fast! The children are forming many new positive relationships with one another as part of our Grace and Courtesy curriculum. The highlight of the month was Sharing Day.



We created an "I am thankful turkey" to exchange with friends in classroom B on Sharing Day.

Both classrooms sat together to share apple sauce, cornbread, and other treats. We learned about the importance of being thankful for what we have. As a class, we went around the circle, and each child shared what he/she is "thankful for..."

#### **Cultural Studies**

This month, the children learned about the *Day of the Dead* or *Día de los Muertos* which takes place on November 1st and 2nd. The children learned that this holiday is about celebrating our loved ones who have passed on. Traditionally in Mexico, the holiday celebrates the lives of deceased loved ones, believing that their spirits return to be reunited with the living for a brief time and is a joyful commemoration of life and a way to make peace with death, rather than a somber occasion of mourning. At Sunrise, we share memories of the loved one who is no longer with us, and families may decide to have a picnic with their loved ones at the cemetery.

This month, the children learned about Veterans Day, which took place on November 11th. The children learned that we celebrate the men and women who served in the armed forces to help protect our country.

Finally, the classroom heard many stories about the holiday and traditions of Thanksgiving, which takes place on November 27th. The children knew that this holiday was about being thankful and spending time with their family.

#### **Science**



Throughout November the children are learning about the human body. The class explored activities that taught various body parts, for example, "head, mouth, leg, foot, and arm. Some children then practiced writing and recognizing the names of each body part. They are also learning about the organs in our bodies, such as the heart, stomach, liver, and lungs.



We also learned about turkeys this month! We labeled the parts of a turkey - eyes, beak, feathers, snood, wings, and talons! We enjoyed various matching activities and coloring sheets that support this work.

# Language

This month in language, some of the students are learning to read sight words which requires memorization. Some examples of the sight words we have been working on are: the, a, I, is, it, to, you, he, she.

The children are also being introduced to rhyming words in the language area. For example, the words we worked on are: cat, rat, bat, and hat. In this activity, the student will line up the cards in a column and place the rhyming cards with the appropriate rhyming word.



Other students are also working on 3-letter, short-vowel words or consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) puzzle activities in the language area.

#### **Practical Life**

The children continue to enjoy flower arranging! You and your child can sign up to bring flowers for the class. We are also focusing on cleaning up after ourselves. The children are learning to sweep up their crumbs after snack and lunch, with the table crumb sweeper.

# Kindergarten Corner

In kindergarten this month, the children are continuing to learn how to read and write sight words. The children got to explore and make a "My Egypt learning book".



They also know Egypt is located in the continent of Africa. As we explored Egypt, they were fascinated by the parts of a camel through a three-part matching activity and worked on the extension, making a book about the camel.

# Sign-up links

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Parent-Teacher conferences held during the first week of December! Please click the link to check your scheduled time.

Classroom A Sunrise Montessori School Conference sign up - Google Sheets



Throughout the school year, our classroom honors birthdays. Please schedule your child's birthday celebration now via the following link: <u>Birthday Walk Sign Up Classroom A</u>



A big thank you to our guest reader this month, Kelsi Snook, Aubrey's mom! We love having our guest visitors.

If you or someone special in your child's life would like to sign up to be a guest visitor, please sign up via the following link:

# **Guest Visitor Sign Up Classroom A**

Flower arranging is an excellent way for the children to make the environment their own as it is a part of the **Everyday Living** curriculum. We invite you to sign up for a week during which your child may bring in a bouquet of your choice! Please sign up here:

Flower Sign-up 2025-2026

Your child's teachers, Ms. Samantha, Ms. Marieliam, Ms. Karen & Ms. Sarah

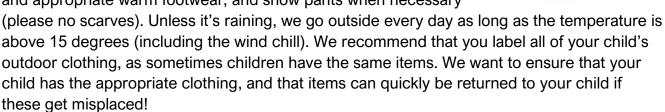


#### **Classroom B Newsletter November 2025**

Dear classroom B families,

Happy November! I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful Fall weather! We have been very busy in the classroom as we transition into the Winter months.

As it is getting very cold outside, please send hats, gloves, warm coats, and appropriate warm footwear, and snow pants when necessary



# **Missing Materials**

Please be on the lookout for some missing classroom items. Sometimes children love classroom materials and like to bring them home. The classroom is missing a few materials, such as parts of our pink tower (two small pink cubes). If you notice anything, please let us know.



# **Sharing Day**

On the last day of school before Thanksgiving, the children gathered with classroom A to share a special snack and story. Earlier this month, each child in Classroom B made a gift for a child in Classroom A to exchange on Sharing Day, in return for a gift that Classroom A had made for them. We also spoke about what we are grateful for. Many children shared that they are thankful for their family and friends.





#### Math

As the seasons change, so do some of our activities. Here is an example of a 1-10 counting activity that the children enjoyed working with this month. We call this a "sets" work - counting out colored leaves and matching with the corresponding numbered leaf!



#### Science



In science, we discovered the parts of a turkey. The children used a labeling activity to learn that turkeys have feathers, a snood, a beak, wings, and a tail. The children also used brown Play-Doh, feathers, and googly eyes to make their own turkeys. They enjoyed being creative with their turkeys. Thank you, Ms. Marianne, for finding these wonderful, fun activities and incorporating them into our classroom!

# Yoga

We have been practicing yoga as a part of our peace curriculum.

There is a poster in the peace area of our classroom with several different yoga poses. Here, a child is demonstrating the "clam" pose.

Yoga is an excellent tool for helping children find peace in the classroom.

# **Kindergarten Corner**

The kindergarteners learned how to make apple sauce to share with their friends on Sharing Day. They worked together to cut and peel all the apples. They then added all the ingredients to a crockpot, and we were able to help serve the applesauce on Sharing Day!



# **Upcoming events**

Winter Solstice celebration/ Pajama days: Thursday, December 18th, and Friday, December 19th.

On the last Thursday of school before winter vacation, the children will participate in a variety of crafts and games to celebrate the winter solstice. Children may choose to wear pajamas this day (and on Friday for the 5-day students).



#### **Food Drive**

Beginning December 1st, Sunrise will hold its annual food drive for the Franklin Food Pantry.



Please consider donating to this great cause! Ms. Andrea will bring the donations to the Food Pantry on Thursday, December 18, at 1 pm.

You may wish to view the link for a list of current needs:

Pantry Needs - Franklin Food Pantry

# Classroom Sign-up links:

If you would like to visit the classroom to read a story, teach the children about a special holiday or family tradition, or plan an activity for the class (or anything else), please sign up to be a guest visitor. We would love to have the children's family members visit our class!

# Guest visitor sign-up: classroom B

As a part of our Everyday Living curriculum, the children often enjoy flower arranging. If you would like the sign-up to bring in a bouquet, please sign up here.

#### Flower Bouquet sign up: Classroom B

Thank you, Henry and Rowan, for providing flowers this month!



#### Birthdays!

Happy birthday to Charlie, Ryan, and Estie!

If you would like to celebrate your child's special day, please click on the link and sign up for a birthday walk. As a reminder, we love to share pictures and a special story for your child's birthday walk (treats and student gifts are appropriate for home celebrations). Classroom B birthday walk sign-up



We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming parent-teacher conferences during the first week of December! Please check the link for your scheduled time.

#### Classroom B Sunrise Montessori School Conference sign up - Google Sheets

To everyone who celebrates, we hope you have a great Thanksgiving!

Best.

Ms. Emily, Ms. Marianne, Ms. Jessica, and Ms. Judy



# November 2025 Extended Day Newsletter

November was a busy month with our daily crafts, monthly science experiment, and sensory table fun. This month we had cornmeal, construction vehicles, and Lincoln logs in our sensory table. For **Arts and Crafts**, we had several open-ended crafts and worked on a group project called the *Cornucopia of Thankfulness and Gratitude*. Also, we completed some themed crafts about birds, Clifford the Big Red Dog, and of course, Thanksgiving.

In **Science**, we did the magic milk experiment (pictured below). First, we placed whole milk into a glass pie plate. Then we added drops of food coloring into the milk but did not mix it. Afterwards we dipped a cotton swab into dish soap and then dipped the cotton swab into the milk. The reaction caused the colored parts of the milk to spread out and then start swirling. The science behind it is the soap breaks down the molecules of fat and protein in the milk and then tries to join the fat molecules, which causes the swirl effect.

#### Ms. Jessica and Ms. Amanda









The morning and afternoon Extended Day Programs offer a safe, fun and welcoming environment where children are offered age-appropriate activities which promote learning opportunities and social interaction with staff and classmates. This program is held in the front classroom of the school and on the playground.