



## December 2025 Newsletter

### Dear Sunrise Community,

The end of December is quickly approaching, and a new year is on its way. Before welcoming the new year, here are some highlights from the last month of 2025.

### Thank you - from the Sunrise Team

On behalf of the Sunrise staff, we sincerely thank all the Sunrise parents for the thoughtful gifts given to each team member before the holiday break.

We appreciate our parent reps for organizing everything, and a special shoutout to Stephanie and Erica for delivering the gift bags to the staff!



### Franklin Food Pantry – Sunrise Annual Food Drive



Sunrise collected approximately 200 pounds for the Food Pantry this year. We exceeded our 10-bag goal! Thank you to the many families and staff members who helped make this donation possible for our community members. Additionally, several families contributed with monetary donations throughout the month. Our afternoon kindergarten class helped sort, count, and weigh items, then place them into bags for delivery. Great job, students.

### Animals in Winter Event

The annual winter fundraising event went perfectly as usual. Thank you to Karen Roeber, her granddaughter Brooke, Ms. Emily, Ms. Samantha, Ms. Karen, Ms. Sarah, Ms. Judy, and her daughter, Emily for volunteering. Please use [this link](#) to view photos of all the fun activities.



### Donation Thank you!

Thank you to Sunrise's former Head of School, Karen Roeber, and her husband, Paul, for their monetary donation toward classroom materials. Sunrise appreciates everything you do for the school!



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## Other Upcoming News & Events

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

Please enjoy the time with your family and friends. During the Winter Break administrative office hours vary so please call ahead or email Andrea. There are no classes and no extended day programs running during the break.



### Staying healthy during the Winter Break

Wishing you happiness and health during the holidays. To help keep our students, families, and staff healthy, I want to remind the Sunrise Community about our illness policy. Sick children must stay home while they are ill or haven't fully recovered. This helps reduce the risk of spreading germs. Please see the Parent Handbook for more details about Sunrise's illness policies.

### January is Re-Enrollment period for your child!

The student re-enrollment period and process for all current families begins January 5th and runs through the 23rd. Once classes resume on January 5th, all Sunrise families will receive an important re-enrollment envelope. The envelope will include a letter outlining the tuition rates for the 2026-2027 academic year and options, along with a returning student application form. Additionally, an email will be sent with the re-enrollment information.

To secure your child's preschool or kindergarten spot for September 2026, please complete the returning student application form and submit it by January 23rd. There is **no fee for re-enrollment of current students**. It's important to secure your child's spot before the new student enrollment begins on January 24th. If you need an application for a younger child, please let me know, as this form is slightly different. Once you receive the re-enrollment information, please contact me with any questions.

### Sunrise Open House Events for New Prospective Families

Please help spread the word to promote next year's enrollment by sharing our Open House Flyer with your coworkers, neighbors, family, and friends. Families with young children are welcome to tour our school, meet with the staff and parent representatives and much more! An open house flyer is attached to this newsletter, but you may also pick up a hard copy in January. Do you visit a business or organization that allows flyers to be posted? Please post our Open House flyer! Our Admissions Open House is held January 24th from 11 am to 1 pm. Sunrise Parent Representative information will be provided to offer a parent's perspective; current families and their children are also welcome to attend and speak with interested families about our Montessori programs.

*The inclement weather date for our Open House is Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm.*

### Dependent Care Forms

Rebecca Reda, Sunrise's bookkeeper, prepares the dependent care forms. Please remember to reach out directly to Rebecca at [MySunriseBilling02038@gmail.com](mailto:MySunriseBilling02038@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](http://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.

# 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: [Sunrise-Amazon-Wishlist](#)

2. **[Sunrise Venmo Donation Option Venmo | Sunrise Montessori School Inc.](#)**

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: <https://orders.scholastic.com/KNYN8> **See the latest January flyers online.** Books are delivered to the school. Parents may even order books for older children as the flyers range from preschool through Grade 6.

## 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

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.

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

**Thursday, January 15:** Scholastic orders due. Click on the [Scholastic website link](#) for our school to see the latest flyers which range from preschool through Grade 6 – find that perfect book for older siblings of current students and have your order delivered to Sunrise.



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

**Tuesday, January 20:** [Storyteller, Diane Edgecomb](#) visits our program.

**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.

**Pizza Fridays:** January 9, 16, 23 and 30 Session 2 begins.

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

Accepting applications for September 2026 enrollment.



# Admissions Open House



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## Classroom A Newsletter December 2025

Dear Classroom A families,

Happy Holidays to everyone! We have had a fantastic year so far, and we love seeing the smiling children in our classroom. We are so grateful for every one of you! We wish you a great holiday season and a Happy New Year!

At the end of the month the children participated in a Winter Solstice craft day.

Both classrooms got together to read stories and do crafts. We talked about how the winter solstice marks the shortest day of the year and the first day of winter.

### Cultural studies

During the month we learned about **Hanukkah** (this year the holiday occurred from December 15<sup>th</sup> - December 22<sup>nd</sup>). Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days and is a Jewish holiday. The menorah signifies the miracle of lamp oil lasting for 8 days.

**Christmas** occurs on December 25<sup>th</sup> and is a Christian holiday which celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. The holiday is also a major cultural event focusing on gift giving and Santa Claus.

This month, we also learned about **Kwanzaa**, which runs from December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Kwanzaa is a seven-day, non-religious celebration of family, culture, and community.



### Language

In Language the children are learning about opposites. Opposites are words or concepts that have entirely different meanings, such as hot and cold, big and small, or happy and sad.

### Practical Life

This month in Practical Life, the children enjoyed juicing an orange half. They learned how to twist and squeeze the orange half into the juicer.



After all the juice is in the juicer, the child pours this into a cup and then drinks the freshly squeezed orange juice. Afterwards the child washes the orange juicer and prepares the activity for their next friend.

With this activity the children practice fine motor skills and learn sequencing as they follow a set of directions. It takes concentration to complete this task, and the children feel a sense of accomplishment by practicing and completing this activity independently.

## Kindergarten Corner

This month in Kindergarten, the children are working with the movable alphabet. The teacher shows the children a card, and they have to sound out the words. Once they read the word, they will create it using the movable alphabet appropriately.



A big Happy Birthday wish to Avyaan this month!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Franklin Food Pantry this month! The children often commented on how many items they saw on the table in classroom C.

Thank you to our guest readers this month: Tim Kadish (Finley's dad), and to Mrs. Karen Roeber! We appreciate 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\*\*](#)

Throughout the school year, our classroom honors birthdays. Please schedule your child's birthday celebration now via the following link: [\*\*Birthday Walk 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\*\*](#)

Please remember to send warm clothes for recess, such as hats, mittens, snow pants, and winter coats. Even if there isn't snow on the ground, the children climb, sit, roll and play on the equipment, sandbox and ground. Snowpants keep their legs from getting too cold.



We go outside as much as possible. (When the temperature is above 15 degrees with the wind chill, we will be outside)

Sincerely, your teachers,

Ms. Samantha, Ms. Marieliam, Ms. Karen and Ms. Sarah



## Classroom B Newsletter December 2025

Dear classroom B families,

We have been very busy as December is a shorter month for us at school. The children enjoyed playing outside in the winter weather. With the snow and colder weather, the students are learning to put on their snow gear independently.

We encourage everyone to put on their snowpants first, then boots, coat, hat, and lastly mittens/gloves. They are doing great with this process!



### Cultural Studies

In December, we recognize many different holidays. Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa are all observed in December.

#### Hanukkah

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday lasting eight days. This year, Hanukkah began on December 15th and ended on December 22nd. Each day, families light a Menorah and commemorate the triumph of the Maccabees over the king. After their victory, they began rebuilding, and when it was time to light the menorah, there was only enough oil for one day; however, the small amount lasted eight days, giving the Maccabees time to produce more oil.



Estelle's mom, Jenna Cohen, joined us on Friday, December 19th, to share some of her family's Hanukkah traditions. Thank you!

#### Christmas

Christmas is celebrated on December 25th. Christmas is a Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Many people celebrate Christmas by attending church services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.



While Christmas has Christian origins, many other communities also celebrate it.

People often decorate their homes with a Christmas tree or colorful lights.

Families may choose to give gifts to loved ones or give back to their community.

#### Kwanzaa



Kwanzaa is a seven-day, nonreligious celebration of family, culture, and community that begins on December 26th. Each day honors a particular African-derived principle and ends with a feast called Karamu on New Year's Day. People light a Kinara to recognize one of the seven principles: *Umoja* (unity), *Kujichagulia* (self-determination), *Ujima* (collective work and responsibility), *Ujamaa* (cooperative economics), *Nia* (purpose), *Kuumba* (creativity), and *Imani* (faith).

Many people celebrate by giving handmade or reused gifts to push against consumerism and to bring people together, regardless of economic status.

## Everyday Living

As part of our Everyday Living area, the children often enjoy participating in food preparation activities.

Recently, the children have been peeling and cutting carrots. The children first peel the carrot as one activity. After peeling, they choose to do the second activity of cutting up the carrot or save it for another child to cut up. After the carrot is cut and peeled, it will be brought to the snack table for all the children to enjoy.



## Science



In science, we have been learning about hibernation, migration, and adaptations. The children participated in a variety of activities that explored different ways animals prepare for winter. The children discovered that some animals hibernate by sleeping through the whole winter, other animals migrate to a warmer climate for the winter and return home in the spring, and some animals adapt to winter, by growing thicker coats to protect themselves from the harsh winter.



## Language

As the seasons change, we adjust many activities to suit the season.

Pin Pushing is a beginning language activity that many children enjoy.

Recently, we have been doing winter-based pin pushing, such as a mitten.



## Kindergarten corner

The kindergarteners have been very busy working on writing and math activities. This month, we worked on a fun art project to create a gingerbread house from foam materials.

The children worked to decorate and assemble their gingerbread house.

## Winter Activities/ Pajama Day

On the last Thursday and Friday before winter vacation, the children participated in many art projects and games while wearing their cozy pajamas. The children were able to greet their friends in both classroom A and B!



### **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!

Thank you to Karen Roeber, and Estie's mom, Jenna Cohen, for visiting our classroom this month!

### **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, Claire, Emerson, and Noelle for providing flowers this month!



### **Birthdays!**

Happy birthday to Luciano!

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](#)

Thank you to all the families who donated to our Franklin Food Pantry Drive!

We hope everyone has a great holiday and winter vacation!

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



## December 2025 Extended Day Newsletter

December was a short month for us. We had fun in Art with open-ended crafts like beading and painting. Additionally, we created holiday crafts, such as a paper menorah and foam gingerbread people.

In Science, our group learned how sound travels, what a scientific question is, and what a hypothesis is through our cardboard tube experiment. A scientific question is a curious question about the world that can be tested through experimentation or observation. A hypothesis is an educated guess about what will happen in a scientific experiment based on what you already know. When we speak, our vocal cords vibrate to produce sound. The sound waves spread out and travel to our ears.

When talking in a moderate voice (inside voice) into a cardboard tube, the sound waves travel in a straight line, making the sound louder, creating a megaphone effect. In our experiment, our scientific question was: What would happen when we spoke into a cardboard tube? We discovered that our voices become louder. For our hypothesis, we used three different-sized tubes: short, medium, and long. We then guessed which one would make the loudest sound. Seven children guessed the longest, four guessed the medium, and two guessed the shortest tube. We discovered that the longest tube made the loudest sound. Afterwards, everyone had fun taking turns talking into the different-sized tubes.

Have a safe and happy winter break, and we will see you in the New Year!

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.