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January

Jan. 1- New Years Day

Jan. 17- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Welcome Back

Happy New Year! Who thought it would get here so soon? It is so good to be back to school! We've missed everyone over the holidays. We hope all is well. Now it is time to get back to work on some great January activities.

Our Thanks to You

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated a gift to one of our classrooms. We truly appreciate all of our families taking the time to pick out materials for the school and for so graciously purchasing those items. The teachers are extremely grateful and cannot wait until their items are delivered!

Cold Weather

Yes, we still go outside in cold weather. It may be for shorter periods of time. Remember to dress your child in layers, labeling all clothing including jackets. We have many similar looking jackets. If your child is not well enough to go outside, you will need to keep him home.

Randall's Number #7403

When you use your Randall's card, a percentage goes to South Shore Montessori only if you have requested it. Please go to the customer service desk and ask that your card credit our school. Thank you for your participation

Vision and Hearing

All children must have vision and hearing results on file at school. If your child did not pass the test that was given at school, we need the follow up test results in by January 14th. 2010.

A Couple of Things to Think About

If we allowed children to show us what they can do, rather than merely accepting what they usually do, I feel certain we would be in for some grand surprises!

Mem Fox

There is something in every one of you that waits and listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself. It is the only true guide you will ever

have. And if you cannot hear it, you will all of your life spend your days on the ends of strings that somebody else pulls.

Howard Thurman, theologian

Medicine

When you bring medicine to school for your child, be sure to attach a dosage spoon or cup. All medicine must be in the original container including cough drops. Sign the medicine in at the front desk. No medicine should be left in a lunchbox or tote bag (not safe for the children).

Food Drive

Our Food Drive was very successful. Thank you for your donations. The families appreciated your generosity.

Pennies for Peace

We haven't filled the pennies jar yet, so we will extend the Pennies for Peace campaign a little longer. Please keep those pennies coming.

New Arrival

On January 4, 2011 the Gallop family welcomed: Lillianna & Christian Bermea. Lillianna weighed 5lbs 5oz and is 18in long & Christian weighed 6lbs 1oz and is 18 ¼ in long. Mom & the babies are doing great & Gillian is a very proud big sister.

From the Class of:

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During the month of January we will be talking about our world Earth. We'll be practicing acceptance by sharing and welcoming newcomers. We will learn sign language for animals, and reading Marc's Brown's books. Our children will be exposed to Henry Moor's pictures, Edmond Duke Ellington's music and Martin Luther's King's life history.

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Happy New Year: This month we will be exploring our Earth through music, art and books. Sign Language will be focused on animal signs. We will listen to Edward Ellington during nap and reading books by Marc Brown. While exploring our Earth, we will take a close look at Antarctica and the animals that live on this continent. Dr Martin Luther King's birthday and legacy will also be observed. If anyone is

interested in being a library parent, please let us know. It would be a great help! Thank you:
Please bring in one empty egg carton for a special art project. Thanks!

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Wow, the year went so quickly, I can't believe that it is already 2011. Thank you to all of the parents and children who purchased holiday gifts for our classroom. We are so excited about the arrival of new lessons in our class. We had wonderful time learning about holiday traditions around the world. Now, we are having great fun as we learn about the months of the year. Some of the children may come home with calendars they made. Our author is Marc Brown. If your child would like to share one of Mr. Brown's books with the classroom, we would enjoy reading it. We will also be learning about the virtue of acceptance and discuss how to treat everyone equally. We still need objects for our South America, Africa, Australia, and Antarctica continent boxes. Please think of us when you or your family travels.

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Thank you to all of the parents and children who purchased holiday gifts for our classroom; the children will love having new work for a new year. This month we will be studying Antarctica. Our theme of the month is Our World Earth. The authors of the month are Marc Brown and Frances Burnett.

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We are looking forward to an exciting Spring Semester with lots of hard work, new lessons and exciting field trips. In January we will study The Phases of the Moon, B.C. /A.D. Time Line, Reptiles and Types of Leaves. We are reading The Secret Garden by Francis Hodges Burnett.

January Birthday

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1/25/2011 James Ryan Swenson

January	
Theme:	Our World, Earth
Virtue:	Acceptance
Continent:	Antarctica
Author:	Marc Brown el: Frances Burnett
Composer:	Edward "Duke" Ellington
Artist:	Di Vinci & Henry Moor
Peacemaker:	Dr. Martin Luther King
Misc.:	Dr. MLK Day

Kids need rules to feel more secure, responsible.

By Evelyn Petersen

Knight Rider Tribune News

Q: For the life of me, I don't understand why our kids are afraid to say no to their children, or set rules and limits or make kids experience consequences. They were raised this way, but have somehow forgotten it. Please give me something I can blow up and frame for the wall of their kitchen.

-Grandma Jean, Michigan

A: Here's something for the parents to frame and read:

Children feel more secure and more responsible when they know what is expected of them and when they know and understand the rules. Let your children help make family rules, even if you lead the discussion. Let them help set the rules, too. Kids of any age keep rules better when they help make them. When they have input, kids feel invested in the rule making process.

You can and should have fun with your kids, but remember that you're much more than a pal: You are the parent. Children need limits. They do not run the house or make family decisions. You do.

Saying no and explaining why, is one way to take responsibility (and model it) as a parent. Saying nothing confuses children or, even worse, they take your silence as a yes.

Kids do lot better at self-discipline if you explain the reasons for your no's. Keep explanations simple to prevent their tuning you out.

One more thing about limits: If you expect the worst from your children, whether out in public or at home, they will give it to you. If you expect their best, you are much more likely to get it. Always expect their best and praise them for giving it.

For more information, you can check out the chapter on teaching discipline and responsibility in the book my daughter Karin and I wrote this year, *Sams Teach Yourself e-Parenting Today* (Macmillan USA/SQMS). Or, see the excerpts page and my Web site, www.askevelyn.com.

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