

SOUTH SHORE MONTESSORI, INC.
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Welcome Back

Happy New Year! Can you believe it is 2010 already? 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.

January

Jan. 1- New Years Day

Jan. 15- Early Release 12:15 p.m.

Jan. 18- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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.

January

Theme: Our World, Earth

Virtue: Acceptance

Continent: Antarctica

Author: Marc Brown & Frances Burnett

Composer: Edward "Duke" Ellington

Artist: Degas Monet & Henry Moor

Peacemaker: Dr. Maria Montessori

Misc.: Dr. MLK Day

Medicine

When you bring medicine to school for your child, be sure to attach a dosage spoon or cup. Sign the medicine in at the front desk. No medicine should be left in

a lunchbox or tote bag (not safe for the children).

Vision and Hearing

If we do not have your child's vision and hearing results on file at school, or your child did not pass the test that was given at school, we need all results in by January 11th. 2010.

Christmas Gifts

South Shore Montessori would like to thank all of our parents and students for the wonderful Christmas gifts from the Christmas tree. The children will enjoy using them throughout the years.

Kindergarten supply fee

The \$100.00 Kindergarten Supply Fee is now due. Thank you for taking care of this promptly.

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

Computer

We would all like to thank the Doan family for the wonderful computer they donated to room 103. All of the children will benefit by having a new, updated computer.

Pizza

In honor of Shiv Bhakta 3rd birthday, pizza, muffins, and juice, were graciously furnished to all the classes. The entire school enjoyed celebrating

Shiv's birthday! Thank you so much for allowing us this pleasure.

New Arrival

On December 1st 2009, the Cabral family welcomed: Christian R. Cabral, who weighed 7 lbs and was 20 inches long. Emilio and Gabriel are very proud big brothers.

Campbell's Labels

In November we received 200 points for Campbell labels. We now have 390 points. Keep 'em coming!

METHODS OF EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE

Effective discipline is guidance. It is a teaching and learning process. The goal of discipline is to help children develop self-discipline-enabling them to be cooperative and responsible for their own behavior.

Children respond to respect and positive expectations. The key to effective discipline is establishing mutual respect and expecting cooperation. The following methods can be used for effective discipline:

- **Distracting children**
- **Ignoring misbehavior when appropriate**
- **Structuring the environment**
- **Controlling the situation, not the child**
- **Involving children through choices and consequences**
- **Planning time for loving**
- **Letting go**
- **Increasing your consistency**
- **Noticing positive behavior**

- **Excusing a child with a time-out**
From Teaching and Leading Children

News from the classroom of:

101: We wish a very Happy 2010 to all our families. We are so excited to start this year with new lessons: art, sign language, Spanish, etc. We will be reading Marc Brown's stories and learning about Maria Montessori and Martin Luther King, Jr. We sure will be having lots of fun talking about how to take care of our world, our virtue of acceptance and farm animals.

Ms. Claudia & Ms. Nancy

102: We had a blast working on our holiday T-shirt and numerous art projects to help us celebrate the holiday season. We enjoyed learning about different holiday traditions around the world.

Thank you to all who helped with the holiday fest. We will be learning about Martin Luther King, Jr., and why he is so special. We will be talking about acceptance, our world, and the earth. Our author is Marc Brown. We wish all of our families a Happy New Year!

Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Leesa

103: 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 came 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.

Ms. Peggy & Ms. Twyla

104: 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 celebrating Chinese New Year. Our theme of the month is Our World Earth. The authors of the month are Marc Brown and Frances Burnett. We would appreciate it if any parent would volunteer to check out a few books.

Ms. Tracia & Ms. Emma

105: 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, the Phylum Mollusca, and the B.C. /A.D. Time Line.

Mrs. Harris & Ms. Saenz