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From the classroom:

Room 101: This month is full of wonderful projects, art show (gave us the chance to learn about Paul Klee, Alexander Calder, and Vincent Van Gogh as well as giving us a hands on experience with our own versions of their art.) We will also learn about our State as well as the state symbols: tree, flower, animals, etc... We would be working on the practice of kindness and incorporate our Montessori work according to the season. We will read stories from Robert McCloskey and James Howe, learn about George Seurat art, and listen to Brahms music during free choice and nap time. We will keep building on our sign language skills. We want to acknowledge Laila Walsh, who has learned her lessons and how to restore her work plus help clean up the classroom. Thank you to the parents who cooperated with our activities, lunches, open house, etc... specially Mr. and Mrs. Olson.

Room 102: Our theme for November is our State and the symbols: flower, tree, and bird. We will also be exploring the Continent of Europe. Robert McCloskey is our author and Maria Montessori is our Peacemaker. November 3rd will be our Art Show.

- Bring a Big Brown paper grocery bag for the students to make a Indian vest.
- Parent will be asked to bring fresh fruit for our friendship salad. November 17th.

November Calendar

Nov. 3	Art Show (6:00 to 7:00pm)
Nov. 8	Hearing Testing (9th if needed)
Nov. 9	Bread Day
Nov. 17	Friendship Salad
Nov. 21-22	School Closed/Care Open
Nov. 23-25	School/Care Closed



Holidays

- **Winter Holidays: Early Dismissal December 16 at 12:15pm**
- **Winter Holidays:**
 - School closed Dec. 19– Jan. 2
 - Early dismissal Dec. 23 at 2:00pm
 - Care closed Dec. 26– Jan. 2



It's the Little Things:

Children thrive in a well-ordered and predictable environment, where daily routines such as arrivals and departures, mealtimes, nap times and toileting are consistent by all caregivers. Daily routines also offer a child a sense of stability, and a feeling of warmth and caring from their teachers. The challenge is to develop appropriate daily routines for children, which offer them a sense of security, yet remain flexible and responsive to the individual needs of each child.

Classroom News

Room 103:

November is a time that we concentrate on the virtue of being Thankful and what that means. During the month, we will create a class book about thankfulness. The book will be titled "103 is a thankful bunch." The children will be taking turns bring the book home and sharing it with their family. We also will be making Native American Dresses. We will need each child to send in a adult sized white t-shirt or undershirt by November 9th or

send in \$3.00 and we will purchase the shirts for you. We will also be making Friendship fruit salad on November 17th. We will be asking that each child bring in a piece of their favorite fruit to cut up and add to the salad. The fruit salad will be our snack for that day.

Room 104:

We will be studying the story of the Pilgrims and their journey on the Mayflower. We will also move on in our geography studies to the continent Europe. I will bring in my real butter churn and we will make butter! Each child needs one oversized white t-shirt (should come

down below waist) so we can make a Native American dress. We will make "Friendship Salad" towards the end of the month....more details to follow.

Room 105:

We will focus on the history of our country. We will research, Native Americans including the plants they grew, their sign language, their games and where they lived. We will research the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving. As well as continue our

Zoology, botany, and Geography lessons and research..



November Birthdays

101:

11/4 Hunter Brown

102:

103:

104:

11/5 Mikey McGagh

105:

11/9 Makenzie Rutledge

11/24 Katie McGagh

11/28 Kylie Rutledge

Staff:

11/7 Ms. Stacie

11/8 Ms. Danielle

11/9 Ms. Sophia

11/21 Ms. Jennie

Theme: Our State, Flowers, trees, and birds

Author: Robert McCloskey,
el: James Howe

Artist: George Seurat

Composer: Johannes Brahms

Continent: Europe

Virtue: Kindness

Sign Language: I want...

Peacemaker: Dr. Maria Montessori

Art Show: Save the Date!!!

Thursday November 3rd, from 6:00 to 7:00pm will be our annual art show.

Your children have made 3 wonderful art master-pieces which will be on sale for only \$15-20 for each piece

This is a Fund-raiser for the school year.

Their art pieces are in the style of the artist Vincent Van Gogh, Paul Klee, and Alexander Calder. All art work will be on sale.

Everyone is invited to participate in this Art Show, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles, family and friends.

Hearing Screenings

Annual hearing screenings will be Wednesday, November 8th at 9:00am. Certified professionals from the Speech Language Learning Center here in the Clear Lake area will be conducting the screenings. Screening is required for children 3, 4, 5 years old or in Kindergarten, first, third and fifth grade.



With a guiding light all obstacles can be overcome.



Health Information

- If a child has fever, he or she must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- If a child has diarrhea or throws up at school even just once, we will call you to come pick up your child.
- All medication brought to school must be in its original container, including cough drops, and labeled with your child's name and current date.
- Medication must be signed in at the front desk before we can administer it to your child.
- Call us when your child will be out sick or out for vacation.

Thank you for your help with this as we work hard to keep our kids well!

Reminders:

Thanksgiving Holiday:

School closed/care open

Monday, Nov. 21st and Tuesday, Nov. 22nd school is closed and care is open. Each parent will need to pre-register with the front office no later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th. There is no additional charge for full day students, daily tuition rate will be charged to extended day students. All payments must be made on or before care, and all students must be registered for care regardless of what program they are in.



Tuition Express:

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for Tuition Express yet, now would be perfect time to get on board. By signing up for automatic payments you will never have to worry about being late again. And with the Holidays coming up wouldn't that be great! Please see the front office to get signed up today.

Time Change:

Daylight saving time is coming to an end on November 6th. Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour or you will find yourself at school an hour early before the lights have even turned on. Did you know that Benjamin Franklin first came up with the idea in 1784 but wasn't used until World

War I to conserve energy. Back in the 70's, studies showed we saved 1% of energy nationally.

Canned Food Drive:

As we are studying the virtue of kindness for the month of November, we will be participating in a canned food drive. All can goods will be donated to the local food bank.



December Gift Giving:

If you would like to give a gift to your child's classroom, there will be a tree set-up in the office with a variety of items that can be purchased from a Montessori Services. After selecting the item, please give the tag to the front office and they will place the order. When the item is delivered, the office will give it to the teacher for their classroom, along with a gift card from you child. Deadline for orders will be December 9th.

Thank you in advance for these purchases.

Scholastic Orders

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the book fair. It was a great success. Please take a look at the catalog's we send home on Friday's as well. You will find great books at a great price. You can order on-line as well.

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs.

Please help the school by giving our code **H69p6** so we may get credit for your order.



National Bread Day is November 17th. We will celebrate it on the Wednesday November 9th. If you would like to bring in your child's favorite bread to celebrate this occasion. Thank you.

RANDALLS # 740

Thank you to everyone that has the Remarkable Randall's card linked to South Shore Montessori (#7403).

We are able to receive \$45.61 this quarter for our funds to add new material to your child's classroom. Thanks again for remembering us when you shop.

Recycling

We still need volunteers to pick-up our paper and plastics once a week. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Box Tops

We still need a volunteer to take care of the box tops we collect every month. November 1st is the first submission date for box tops. This is a fun and easy way to raise money for the school. Every box top is worth .10 so keep bring them in. To see more ways to earn cash for our school, go to

www.btfe.com/earn

Please let the office know if you are interested.

