

SOUTH SHORE MONTESSORI
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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| Tuesday | Nov. 2 | Art Show 6:00-7:00 |
| Sunday | Nov. 7 | Daylight Saving ends |
| Wednesday | Nov. 10 | Hearing Screening |
| Wednesday | Nov. 24 | School/Care Closed |
| Thursday | Nov. 25 | School/Care Closed |
| Friday | Nov. 26 | School/Care Closed |
| Thursday | Dec. 2 | Elementary Field Trip |

Art Show: Save the Date!!

Monday November 2nd, from 6:00-7:00, is our annual art show. This is our Fund-raiser for the school year. Your children have made 3 wonderful art masterpieces which will be on sale for only \$15-\$20 each. Their art pieces are in the style of artists Seurat, Hokusai, and Matisse. All art work will be on sale. Everyone is invited to participate in this special event, grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors etc.

Hearing Screenings

Annual hearing screenings will be Wednesday, November 10th 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.

Thanksgiving Holiday

School/closed care/open on Monday, Nov.23rd. and Tuesday Nov. 24th. Each parent will need to pre-register with the front office no later than Wednesday, Nov. 18th. 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 a 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!

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.

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!

Randalls

Thank you for remembering our school when you shop! We have received another donation for our school through the Good Neighborhood Program. This program lets a portion of your purchase at any Randalls store be donated to our school. This quarter, the donation was \$49.72. We will be using these funds to add materials to your child's classroom. Our Good Neighborhood Program number is 7403. Thanks again for remembering us when you shop!

Time Change

Daylight Savings Time will end November 7th. Please remember to set your clock Back one hour. Did you ever wonder why we set our clocks back at 2:00 a.m.? In the U.S., 2:00 a.m. was originally chosen as the changeover time because it was practical and minimized disruption. Most people were at home and this was the time when the fewest trains were running. It is late enough to minimally affect bars and restaurants, and it prevents the day from switching to yesterday, which would be confusing. It is early enough that the entire continental U.S. switches by daybreak, and the changeover occurs before most early shift workers and early churchgoers are affected.

Box tops

Thank you to everyone who has sent in box tops. We have currently collected about \$40 worth of box tops for our school, but would like to make it even more. So continue to send them in! To find out more ways to earn cash for our school to www.btfe.com

Why Seminars?

Your child sings a new song about the planets. Your child builds a home to go along with the continent lessons the teacher is giving. Your child's teacher explains why your child may have problems grasping a lesson or getting along with others. Your child's teacher finds new ways to prevent stress! These are examples of the topics from seminars our teachers attend when we go to a conference or workshop. Our teachers love to attend conferences and bring back new ideas, plans and materials.

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 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 teachers for their classroom, along with a gift card from your child. Deadline for orders is December 4th. Thank you in advance for these purchases.

December

The winter holidays will be here before we know it. Here are some reminders for December.

Dec. 17 early dismissal

Dec. 21-23 School closed/care open

Dec. 24th. School closed/care open until 2:00

Dec. 25th.-Jan. 1st. School/care closed.

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 dealt with consistently by all caregivers. Daily routines provide opportunities for children to learn more about themselves, the world and other people. Daily routines also offer children 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 consistency and security, yet remain flexible and responsive to the individual needs of each child.

Show and Tell

This month, we will be working on the following sounds:

- Nov. 5th – “o” sounds like octagon
- Nov. 12th – “e” sounds like envelope
- Nov. 19th – “h” sounds like hippo
- Nov. 26th – School/Care closed

From the classroom of:

101:

This month we will be talking about our state symbols (Blue Bonnets, armadillo, etc). We are very excited about the art show. We have had a wonderful time experiencing projects with the different artists. We will be listening to Johannes Brahms during nap. Children will learn sign language related to kindness, please, I want, thank you, sorry and love. We will continue teaching the children how to work on rugs during their lessons.

102:

This month 102 will be exploring different cities and animals in Texas. We will also study our state bird, tree, flower and flag through pictures and art. We will be studying art by Diego Rivera, creating Texas art and of course exploring Thanksgiving art. The continent, Europe will be recognized and pronounced. We will be listening to Johannes Brahms during nap. We will be practicing the signs for food, changing, and sleep. Please remember our Art show on November 2nd. Everyone is welcome. The children have worked very hard on making 3 beautiful masterpieces which you can purchase for only \$15.00 each. Thank you!

103:

This month we will be creating our thankful book, in which all children will write what they are thankful for. The book will be available to be checked out upon request. We are so excited about our art show on the 2nd. We have beautiful Seurat, Hokusai, and Matisse pieces to share with you. Please come out and join us for this great event. Everyone is invited; the show is from 6:00-7:00. Please send in a white t-shirt, (one that goes down to your child's knees) by November 10th. We will be decorating them to create our Thanksgiving outfit. We are in need of items for our Europe continent box.

104:

We will be studying the continent of Europe, with special focus on France. Our friend Thomas will be sharing pictures from his home country, and we will be learning songs in French. We will also be reading stories about the pilgrims and their long voyage on the Mayflower. We will make real butter using Ms. Tracia's butter churn. The Kindergarteners will be learning the names of the major oceans. At the end of the month we will make friendship fruit salad together in honor of the friendship we

share in our community, also remembering the friendship among the Pilgrims and Native Americans.

105:

In the month of November, 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. The first year students will begin their Flat Student Project. Watch for more info! We will continue our Zoology, Botany and Geography lessons and research.

November Birthdays

103:

11/06 Tyler Lee

104:

11/05 Mikey McGagh

105:

11/09 Makenzie Rutledge

11/24 Katie McGagh

11/28 Kylie Rutledge

Theme: Our State Flower, Tree, and Bird

Author: Robert McCloskey & James Howe

Artist: Diego Rivera & Hokusai

Composer : Johannes Brahms

Continent: Europe

Peacemaker: Dr. Maria Montessori

Misc.: Children's Book Week & Denali