

DECEMBER 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES

December Birthdays

Sterling 12/18

Naturescape Day

Thursday 12/14

Holiday Celebration

Tuesday 12/19

School Vacation

No School 12/20-1/1

School Resumes

Tuesday 1/2

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

Sandpaper Letters, Moveable Alphabet, Number Line Hop, Teens and Tens Boards, Constructive Triangles, Puzzle Maps, Zipper Frames, and Kandinsky Art... Our classroom has been humming with purposeful play and work through the use of the myriad of Montessori materials. Self-chosen and self-directed by the children, these opportunities for learning are the stepping stones for growth of independence, concentration, coordination, and confidence. We are proud of our students' development and progress over the past months and look forward to guiding them further as they continue cultivating a love of learning.

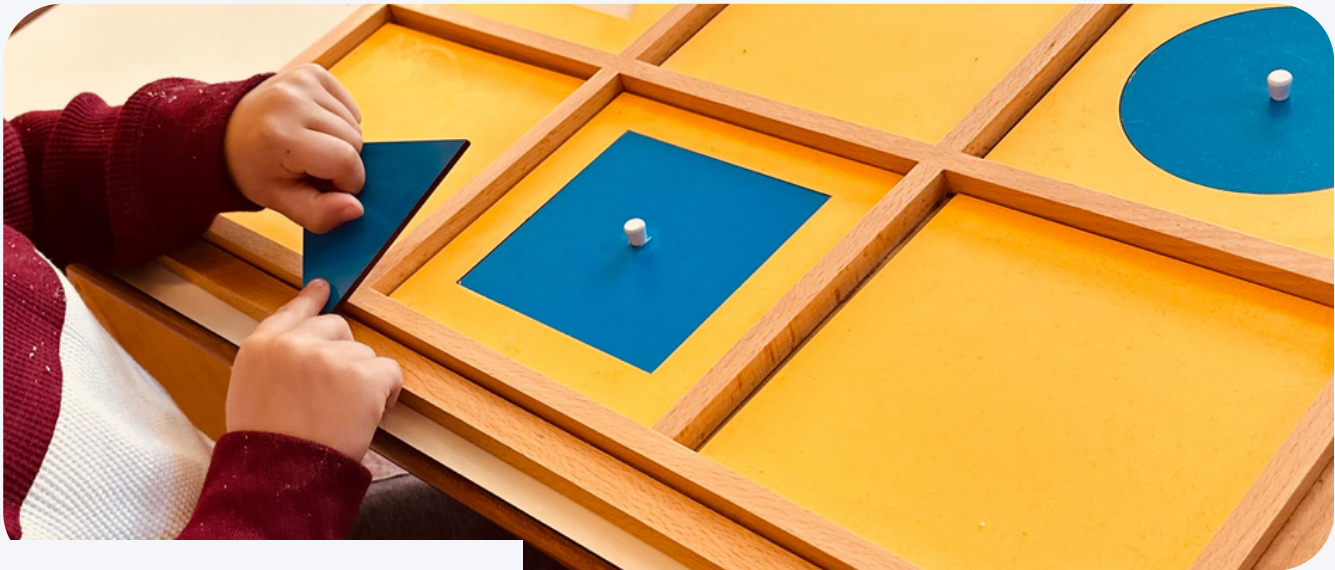
"The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind."

—Maria Montessori, Education and Peace

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BOOKS AND POEMS

[The Nutcracker](#)

[The Gingerbread Man](#)

[I Have a Little Dreidel](#)

[‘Christmas Wreaths’](#)

[Light the Lights](#)

[Seven Candles for
Kwanzaa](#)

DECEMBER THEMES

Practical Life: spice grinding; polishing; Care of Environment - easel washing; gift making/giving

Art: Nutcracker tracing/still-life drawing; Kandinsky collaborative art project; poinsettia craft

Sensorial: holiday creations with Red Rods, Knobless Cylinders; Geometric Cabinet shapes

Math: patterns, one-to-one correspondence with seasonal counting objects; linear and skip counting; Dreidel Number Line cut and paste

Language: [Gingerbread Man](#) story basket; Metal Inset holiday extensions/variations; ‘Nutcracker’ themed matching/writing practice

Science/Culture/Geography: Parts of a Poinsettia; exploring magnetism; Holidays Around the World

Individualized activities and lessons are recorded on Montessori Compass. Activity Reports are generated and distributed weekly. Check daily for pictures!

Please let us know if your family celebrates a holiday unique to your culture or family history. We would love to have you share your traditions with our class! We invite you to keep this in mind throughout the year as we welcome opportunities to learn about the cultures and traditions of our school families. Thank you!