



# MONTESSORI

## Child Development Center



## WE ARE THANKFUL FOR...

November is here! We have so many things to be thankful for – our school community, our families, teachers, and students. Thank you for all your kindness and support.

### ORANGEWOOD THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Each year our elementary students organize a Thanksgiving Basket drive for Orangewood Foundation. Orangewood Foundation provides services to foster youth in Orange County. Please help us by donating a basket, a \$25 grocery store gift card, or both. Our last collection day is on Thursday, November 9 and delivery is on Monday, November 13. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer with delivering the baskets.

### THANKSGIVING FEAST

We are having a special Thanksgiving feast on Wednesday, November 22. It's a feast to celebrate good friends and good food. A snack and lunch signup is posted. Please provide store bought items with ingredient list. Volunteers are welcome.



### THANKSGIVING BREAK

The school is closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving. School resumes on Monday, November 27. We wish all our families a Happy Thanksgiving!

### PUMPKIN DEADLINE

Please bring your decorated pumpkin by Friday, October 27. This year's theme is your favorite book character. Please bring your book with the pumpkin.

### PARENT EDUCATION: THE MONTESSORI LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Montessori Language is rescheduled to Friday, December 1 at 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

### CAMPUS SAFETY

To prevent theft during the holiday season, please lock your car and avoid leaving valuables in plain sight when parked in front of the school or parking lot.

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER



**Thursday, November 9-**  
Thanksgiving Basket Donations due

**Friday, November 10-**  
VETERAN'S DAY (School Closed)

**Monday, November 13 -**  
Thanksgiving Basket Drop-off

**Wednesday, November 22**  
THANKSGIVING FEAST CELEBRATION  
(Minimum Day/School closes at 12:30 p.m.)

**Thursday-Friday, November 23-24 -**  
THANKSGIVING (SCHOOL CLOSED)

## DECEMBER

**Friday, December 1 -**  
Parent Education Day -  
Montessori Language

**Wednesday, December 6**  
Holiday Santa Pictures

**Monday- Thursday, December 18-21**  
WINTER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

**Monday** - Holiday Crafts  
**Tuesday** - Holiday Dress Up  
**Wednesday** - Movie and Pajama Day  
**Thursday** - Class Caroling

**Monday, December 18 - 2:30- 3:00**  
Webby Dance Performance (for those enrolled in class)

**Friday to Friday - December 22 -**  
**January 5** - WINTER RECESS (School Closed)



## BIRTHDAY CIRCLE



Children love the Montessori birthday circle. It is the highlight of every birthday. Celebrants get to share pictures of when they were born and each year of their life. They talk about memorable moments and milestones. Each month we send a celebration template form. We use this for our Montessori birthday walk around the sun. Tip: Create a birthday board with your child's birthday and your child's picture from birth to present.

## OPTIONAL SNACK TREATS

As an option and in lieu of sugary treats, you can bring snack treats for your child's birthday. Snack treats should include 2 food groups - fruit and carb or veggie and carb. Example- goldfish and Cuties (tangerines). No candies or juice. Your child can help plan which food items to bring.

Snacks should be **store-bought, peanut-free, and nut-free.**

If you are bringing birthday cupcakes or cookies, please choose **mini size**. Please no uncooked egg (meringue) icing.

Provide the school with the product ingredients.

Best allergy friendly treats to get are ABE's School Friendly baked goods.

## PEP RALLY

*Pep Rally days are first Friday of the month. Wear your MDCDC shirt on Fridays!*



## November BIRTHDAYS

4

Noah N.  
11/19

6

Yasmine  
11/15

10

Kym 11/10  
Drake 11/12

11

Pippi  
11/13

STAFF

Ms. Maria 11/5  
Mr. Taylor 11/20

## THE QUESTION GAME

The Question Game is a technique used to help children organize and share their own stories, first orally, and later in writing.

- The game begins after your child has been involved in an experience, for example; The child went to their grandparent's house to bake a cake for grandfather's birthday.
- The aim of the question game is to help children recall upon an event and answer questions in their appropriate context such as WHO, WHY, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and HOW.
- After the experience begin by asking, "Who did you visit today?"
- Have your child recall the people, associating when we refer to a person or people we use the term 'who' 'I' and 'whom'.
- Then ask, "When did you go to your grandparent's house?" and "what did you do?", prompting to recall when the experience occurred, giving them a sense of time.
- Then ask, "Why did you go to your grandparents house?" prompting to recall the purpose of the experience (to make a cake for their grandfather).
- Repeat asking questions, giving help to recall if necessary.
- At the end of the question game summarize the experience, for example; "You went to Grandma and Grandpa's house yesterday to bake a cake for Grandpa's birthday" reiterating WHO, WHY, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and HOW.

## HALLOWEEN PARADE

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help in our upcoming Halloween Parade!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club Catalogs are sent home each month. Deadline to order is every 20th of each month. Our class code is **HR7ZJ**.



SCAN HERE FOR THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB DIGITAL FLYER

## MONTESSORI LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT: CLICK OR SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COMMUNICATION



## ARTICLE: ARE YOU ASKING YOUR KIDS THE RIGHT QUESTIONS?



## After-School ACTIVITIES

PIANO, UKELELE, AND GUITAR WITH MR. TAYLOR. TO SCHEDULE: EMAIL AT TGL@TAYLORSGUITARLESSONS.COM OR CALL (714) 398-2638

WEBBY DANCE - MONDAYS AT 2:30-3:00

LITTLE STAR SPORTS- WEDNESDAYS

SOCCER SHOTS - THURSDAYS