

AROUND THE HOUSE



OUR COMMUNITY

Happy New Year! I hope your family enjoyed winter break and is ready for the school routine again.

Can you believe re-enrollment is just around the corner? I will be sending home an application along with a letter that explains

any changes. We are collecting only the information that is needed for the next school year one time (and one time only!) in an effort to reduce duplication. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. **For our families who will have a kindergarten or elementary student, we will have a special information meeting on January 9th at 5:00 p.m.** It is open to the general public so feel free to invite those interested in a Montessori elementary education. We hope to see your child next year at Children's House!

Thank you for your support! Danielle Giuseffi, Director
~Office Hours: Monday-Thursday; 7:30 to 11:30~

THANK YOU!

... the PTO for all their support and for organizing a wonderful Holiday Festival
...the School Board for all they do for our school
...the Development Committee for their vision
...to all families who brought delicious cookies for the Holiday Festival
...to all families who helped to set up or clean up at the Holiday Festival
...Jenny Kilcoin for creative art projects for our primary students.
...Peter Strong for arranging artists through Racing Magpie for our elementary students
...Mrs. Simons for her writing courses in the elementary and for her continued mentorship

MONTESSORI MINUTE

How does it feel when you are trying to master a new skill, and someone tells you that you are "doing it all wrong?" Or someone finishes the task for you? Even well-intentioned criticism can be de-motivating. It is this reason that Montessori works have a built-in Control of Error. Control of Error is an important Montessori principle because it gives the child a way to correct his or her work without input from the guide. This instant feedback helps the child analyze and solve problems on his or her own. It is easy to see how this can build the child's independence, self-esteem and self-discipline.

A great example of Control of Error in a Montessori work is the cylinder block work. A child will not be able to fit all the cylinders properly into a cylinder block if one cylinder is out of place. The child is left to find success by learning from mistakes and planning how he or she wants to try to correct the mistake. The desired outcome is that the child will continue to be motivated to try new things and continue to take appropriate risks. Can you think of a task at home that you could incorporate Control of Error?



"Give their lesson, plant the seed and then disappear, observing and waiting, but not touching." – Maria Montessori

FROM THE PRIMARY CLASSROOMS

8:15 /8:30

Welcome back! The preschool children will be beginning our solar system study. We will talk about each of the planets. This month we will study the sun and the inner planets. Ask your child about the planet song!

Do not be surprised if your child has some gripes about coming to school. It is almost like starting over, and the routine needs to be re-established. Please have patience! It is nice to have everyone back!

Sincerely, Mrs. Butler, Miss Parastou, Mrs. Verchio, & Mrs. Gibson

KINDERGARTEN

I hope everyone enjoyed our winter break. Although the break was enjoyable, it is always nice to get back into a regular routine. The Kindergartners have easily fallen back into their school routine and have been working diligently at completing their lessons. Book bags will be sent home again starting this Friday. Please remember to have your child read to several family members and to return the book bag on Monday. Also, Kindergartners will be learning about the comma, sequencing letters, ten frames, writing number sentences, using story problems, and our mapping unit – beginning with the universe.

Sincerely, Mrs. Verchio

FROM THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM

The elementary classroom is hopping with enthusiasm to begin a new year! In writing, the children wrote and illustrated their own books! They are now learning why authors write: authors' purpose. First graders are getting proficient at subtraction and addition facts and learning to solve simple story problems. Second graders are beginning to learn ship counting and will start learning arrays! Upper elementary will be reviewing decimals and fractions, and then start multiplication and division of fractions. Upper elementary will be doing a project on the 50 states. They are also finishing their memorization of the 50 state capitals. We will be starting yoga and tennis next week. The students love these extra cirricular activities!

Sincerely, Mrs. Pena

Jan 6th – Classes Resume
 Jan 9th – Mtg for families interested in Kindergarten and/or Elementary @ 5:00 p.m. at CHM
 Jan 9th – PTO Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
 Jan 11th – PTO Social @11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Jan 15th - Re-enrollment opens for current CHM families
 Jan 20th – NO SCHOOL
 Jan 21st – NO SCHOOL for K-5th ONLY (Preschool on Regular Schedule)

PEACE

This month we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, a man of peace. He and Dr. Maria Montessori shared this same vision of living at peace with all humanity. We continue to share peaceful lessons each month with our students. Ask your student about "shining their light."

