

The Spencer House Montessori News

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SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Holidays!

We hope our families are having a wonderful holiday season. It's an exciting time at the school...the kids are enjoying making decorations and exchanging gifts, while we in the office are busy getting ready for a new semester and planning the next school year.

During the week of December 26th, we will be moving our office to the upstairs of the two story building. This floor has been a storage area for years, but will be a much nicer office when we are finished fixing it up. In the meantime, please excuse our dust while we repair ceilings and get a new roof put on the building.

We will be moving ahead as fast as we can on the new classroom building, and will keep you informed as we learn details and can project a completion date.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the fundraising! The school earned \$1400 that we will be putting towards new classroom furniture.

Please be aware that during Winter Camp our hours change to 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. It should be a great two weeks for the kids with an emphasis on just having fun!

VPK PARENTS - Please see the revised VPK School Calendar for changes to the Spring semester.

CLASS NOTES

Infants

"Babbles from the Babies"

Can you believe we're in to the holidays all ready??! We hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Is the turkey all gone? Now where's that cooler weather?

Caleb and Ethan are both sitting in the Bumbo seats for a short time and enjoy watching the others play. They are very happy boys! We are sad to say goodbye to Caleb, who is moving. We have had such fun with him. We wish you all the best! Summer is getting very independent and is starting to "rock" on her hands and knees...she'll be crawling soon. Easton is almost sitting by himself. He's really reaching for what he wants!

When Conner, Emilee, and Molly start for the tunnel it's "every man for himself." They love crawling back and forth and turning around in the middle and crawling back out. Emilee is learning that you can't stand up in it...but she still tries.

Emilee has moved down to the Beginner's class and I know she'll have a great time. She's such a big girl now! We'll miss you dear Emilee!! (sniff sniff)

Conner is now walking...you go boy! He is so proud of himself and just grins from ear to ear! Molly has taken a few steps, too, so watch out Conner, she'll be catchin' up soon.

We'd like to welcome Ms. Tammy

to the Infant Room. She'll be working with us on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. She has a beautiful daughter, Savannah, who is 9 months old, joining our happy group. Ms. Tammy is replacing Ms. Shayna, who was promoted to lead teacher of the Beginner's class.

We have just a couple of weeks until Winter Camp. We will miss those of you going on holiday. However you celebrate this time of year, please drive carefully and be safe. We'll see you all back in January! Happy Holidays!

Ms. Vicki, Ms. Betsy,
and Ms. Tammy

Beginners

During November, Ms. Shayna Rhodes was promoted to lead teacher of the Beginner's class. Ms. Shayna has her Associates Degree in Childhood Development and a Masters Degree in music.

Hello from the Beginner's class! This month was spent getting into a routine with our kids. We've been working on our ABC's and 123's and making many cool projects to take home. We get to grow and play with our friends while learning many new skills. We dance and sing everyday and explore nature. I have been very pleased with our class and I am delighted to be a part of each child's life. I enjoy working with them and look forward to a fun and exciting new year.

Ms. Shayna, Ms. Shara,
and Ms. Lindsey

CLASS NOTES cont.

Pre-Primary

Hello All! We would like to thank all of the families who contributed their time and/or goodies for our Thanksgiving Feast. Putting together 25 plates for our little gobblers is no easy task and we definitely couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!

This month we have continued working in our journals and reviewing the materials we have covered year-to-date. The children have also been working on a variety of holiday themed art projects which will be coming home with them this week.

Ms. Radha & I are working on preparing our first semester progress reports which will be sent home the second week in January. A schedule for parent/teacher conferences will be posted thereafter should you have any questions or concerns.

We wish you and your families a wonderful holiday and restful two-week break. We look forward to seeing you in 2006!

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Radha

Primary

We want to thank everyone that contributed to our successful Thanksgiving Harvest snack. The children enjoyed the variety of veggies, cheese, fruits, and snack crackers. We were visited by Florida Wildlife Rescue and Care. They presented screech owls, red tailed hawks, and other birds. Tina Brannan cares for and travels with

these feathered friends. Her time is donated and we always appreciate her visits.

The children also enjoyed the visit by the gourd lady, Debbie Mallard (Taylor's Grandma). She brought a large collection of different types of gourds and showed the many ways of painting them and their possible uses. She brought each student a gourd to paint and keep.

Ms. Roberta, Ms. Alice,
and Ms. Carol

Afterschool Enrichment

Our themes this month are trees and snow. We will be having library books, projects, and decorated cookies to celebrate these themes. We will be making Christmas cards and ornaments.

For those children who will be attending Winter Camp, there are lots of fun things planned and the children may bring in their favorite board games.

Ms. Kathleen & Ms. Hope



Important Dates

Monday, January 16th

MLK Day - No School

Tuesday, January 31st

2006-2007 enrollment deadline

Monday, February 20th

President's Day - No School

Monday April 3rd -

Friday, April 7

Spring Break Camp