



# Adventure Montessori Learning

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**“The plane of childhood, from six to twelve years, is the period in which ‘the abstract plane of the human mind is organized.’ “**  
**-M. Montessori**

**Special points of interest:**

- ◆ Our elementary P.E. program will begin in January!
- ◆ Chinese New Year celebration begins Jan. 23rd
- ◆ Cultural Day is January 27th @ 3pm!
- ◆ Infant/Toddler Parent Education Saturday, Feb. 4th, 9-11 am
- ◆ Primary classes will begin their study of Africa in January
- ◆ Watch for your home video Parent Education –Movie Night!

**Upcoming Dates**

**January 2012**

School Resumes	<b>2nd</b>
Elementary Open house	<b>12</b>
CLOSED—Martin Luther King Day	<b>16</b>
Kindergarten Roundup	<b>19</b>
Cultural Day Program	<b>27</b>

**February**

Infant/Toddler Parent Education Saturday AM	<b>4</b>
Date Night Out	<b>10</b>
Fall Re-enrollment Begins	<b>13</b>
Valentine’s Day	<b>14</b>
CLOSED—Presidents’ Day	<b>20</b>

## Best Wishes, AML families, for 2012!

**ELEMENTARY OPENHOUSE**

**Thursday, Jan. 12th, 6—8 pm.**

This meeting is for all parents of kindergarten and elementary children, who would like to learn more about the extended benefits of Montessori education and “the constructive rhythm of life.”

**Montessori Elementary children learn:**

- Organizational Skills
- Self motivation
- Effective study habits
- Develop a greater energy and love for learning



**Meet Justin Garber, an AMI trained elementary teacher.**

Justin has both a Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Montessori Elementary Education. He is multi talented and will also be a substitute teacher for our primary classrooms, as well as leading the Physical Education program. Many of you met him during the Winter Program, but if not, please stop and introduce yourselves!

*“Feliz Navidad, Prospero Ano y Felicidad.”*



*Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and lots of blessings!*

*Hola Primary Parents;  
Es invierno y hace mucho frio.  
It is winter and it is cold.*



*The children have been learning body parts and days of the week. They have so much fun repeating and singing the songs related to both units.*

*The next two months, the children will be introduced to Spanish phrases related to weather, by looking at pictures of outdoor scenes and describing them through body movements. They’ll sing songs and associate parts of the body to pieces of winter clothing.*

*They will also learn to identify and name fruit in Spanish by means of a matching work and song.*



**...some of the kinder/elementary girls with Ms. Amie**

**Kindergarten Round-up Thursday, Jan. 19th 6:30—8 pm**

This is an informational meeting about our Montessori kindergarten. Building a strong foundation in education now, will support higher education later!

Please join us for this adult only evening to learn about the curriculum and explore a “hands on” approach to learning!

**Reminder:** Sign-ups are open for **After School Activities** for the next semester. Please go to the **individual websites to sign-up and pay for classes..**



Holidays in the Infant rooms!



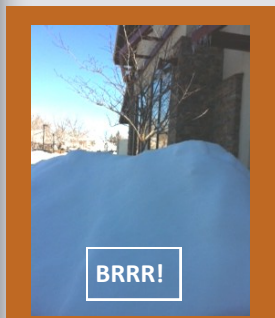
Thank you, Lew Family for providing the aquarium!



**Lunch Program—  
Michael's of Denver**  
When returning your menus please indicate how you would like to pay for the charge of \$1.50 per lunch. You may have it added to your monthly tuition or you may pay separately with a check.

Thank you!

The children have been enjoying the new menu items and are eating much more of the served lunches.



Please check **CHANNEL 9 NEWS** for snow closures; 9 news online, FaceBook

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**Cultural Day, Jan. 27th, is a FAMILY EVENT!** We will put sign up sheets in each classroom to indicate your participation. Each family is invited to dress in their native clothing and to bring an appetizer from their native country. Please prepare a few facts that you would like to share about where you are from. From Iowa to India— we all have customs and traditions that we've grown up with and sharing them with the children provides an opportunity for them to embrace other ideas and cultures!

**The event will be held in the cafeteria at 3 pm.**

**Classroom News**

**Nido (nest) Classroom:**

Little bodies make "fashionable" clothes look so cute; those little overalls and turtleneck, or that dress with ribbon bows hanging from it. However, the reality is that it can be hard to decide what looks cute and practical. Clothes can hinder the movement of an infant trying to be mobile. Jeans can be pretty tough for infants working on coordination. An infant that is practicing on pulling up can have a hard time maneuvering in a pajama suit. Clothing may not only hinder mobility but can also cause distraction. Material that ties or has something hanging from it, can be tugged and pulled on by your infant and others, as well.

When dressing you infant,, please

take some of these things into consideration...

1. Can his/her legs and arms move freely without restrictions?

Stretch and sweat pants are ideal, making sure that they are ankle length rather than too long.

2. Can a diaper be changed quickly and easily?

Sharing a changing table can be tough when teachers extended time is spent undressing / redressing the infant.

3. Would I be comfortable wearing something like this all day?

Putting on a few layers is definitely okay for the season we are in.

Onesies are a great layering option!

4. For those infants entering the toddler stage: Will this clothing help foster independence?

Allowing your child to help pull up pants, put on shirts and socks is very challenging as it is. Dressing in cloths that are simple will make for great success!

We strive to foster independence in your infants as they grow older. Diapering soon changes into toilet training. We talk through the process of what we are doing when they are being changed and what the outcome will be. Ex. "Now I am putting a clean diaper on you. You will be dry and it will feel much better!" As the infant is able to grasp objects, we allow them to help out and hold their own diapers. When the child can stand steadily we begin changing them standing up. This allows them to feel more in control over their bodies and will help them transition to toilet training. Please communicate with your infants' teacher about this process. Your child will have a better outcome if it is consistent from home to school.

**Hello Toddler Parents,**

**Caminantes 1,2,3**

We had a great four months in 2011! Your children began at a brand new school, met new friends, and made connections with their teachers.

December was a busy month! Our holiday parade was a huge success! Thank you all for coming and participating in such a special time in your toddlers' lives!

Please look for more information about our Chinese

New Year celebration in January! Each toddler room will also be having a Valentine's Day celebration.

Just for fun, here is a practical life activity for your home! Find two small pitchers. Fill one pitcher with a small amount of water. If you would like, you can use a small amount of food coloring to dye the water your child's favorite color! Have your child pour the liquid into the other pitcher (working from left to right).

He or she can then pour the liquid back into the original container. Keep a sponge close by so your child can clean up any spills. Allow for free exploration of the activity and for unlimited time! For more awesome ideas for home you can go to: [www.montessorimom.com](http://www.montessorimom.com).

Thank you all again for being such an important part of our school! **Happy New Year!**



**Primary (1) Green - Primario (1) Verde**

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful November and December! Thank you to everyone who helped us make our Stone Soup a success for our Thanksgiving Feast. December was full of studying how many cultures celebrate Christmas, as well as Kwanzaa and Hanukkah. The children really enjoyed learning about all of the different celebrations.

As we move into the New Year we will begin our study of Africa and will look at many of its countries; how people live, animals that are native to Africa and different customs from this beautiful continent!

January is the month that we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King. We'll take a look at his life and the positive messages he sent to all of us. As February gets closer, we will learn about Asia, another fascinating study! We'll also participate in Chinese New Year activities. Many unique animals live in Asia and we will take a look at them, listen to Asian music and learn all about the lives of people in Asian countries.

There are two holidays in February as well. We'll learn about President's Day and all the things that our President does for us. On Valentine's Day, we'll enjoy some fun Valentine crafts and talk

about the values of this day!

In Science we will be studying mammals. We will make observations and discover all of the characteristics that are unique to this class of animals, such as most mammals give birth to their babies, feed them milk from their bodies, are warm-blooded and have hair of some kind.

We love learning new things and would like to invite you to share your talents and knowledge with our classroom. If you have visited another country and would like to share your experience of their culture with us, we would love to have you come in. Any special talents are always welcome too! Please see Ms. Ashley or

Ms. Kelley to set up a time to visit us.

Please remember that if you go on a vacation you are welcome to take one of our two classroom teddy bears with you. We ask that you take pictures of your child and Gulliver, the bear, in places unique to your vacation spot. Then you and your child can scrapbook a page or two (on 8 ½ by 11 size paper) about your vacation to send to school to put in our Gulliver album. The children have really enjoyed looking at Alex's trip to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida!

Thank you for all of your help,

Ms. Kelley and Ms. Ashley

**Primary (2) Red – Primario (2) Rojo**

Dear Families,

It has been a fun filled few months in our classroom. In November we studied about Native Americans, Pilgrims and focused on what true "thankfulness" meant to each one of your children in their world. It was precious to hear how much they love you, their families, and pets. Our stone soup celebration was a huge success! Thank you so much for your donations and the time you took to come celebrate with us.

In December, we focused on the continent of Europe. We studied several of the animals that live in Europe and talked about the cultural differences in foods, clothes, language etc. We concentrated on the

flags of the United Kingdom and France. The children enjoyed flag making and seeing which flags represent each country. We also looked at many of the customs and traditions that come from Europe around the Holiday season. The children enjoyed making their "Top Secret" gifts for you and practicing their Winter Program songs.

January will be an adventure as we study the continent of Africa, and Martin Luther King Jr. I am so excited to impart my love for this continent. I spent a brief time in Tanzania, and can't wait to share my experience. We will focus on the animals, the Masai tribe, and take a trip back in time to ancient Egypt.

February studies will focus on the continent of Asia, Chinese New Year, and Valentine's Day. Asia is full of wonderful customs, traditions, and holiday excitement. Please be aware of our Valentine's Day Celebration date and donation needs.

As always we would love to have any parent come in and share their experience or connections to our studies. If you would like to share, please touch base with me and we will set a time and date.

I hope everyone has a wonderful time over the holidays, and enjoys their time with family and friends.

Some friendly reminders,

Please remember to sign your child in and out

- ◇ Please check your child's work folder and your parent pockets.
- ◇ Please be aware of your child's News Day date
- ◇ Please try to have your child at school by 8:30, so we can all start the day together and experience morning line, which is a time of lessons, calendar review, and discussions. It is an important piece of Montessori Education.

**Thank you for being such a wonderful community of parents!** We appreciate you so much and look forward to 2012 and starting a new year with you and your children.

Ms. Shellie and Ms. Mary



The **Chinese New Year in 2012** is on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. In January, we will learn about Chinese New Year, dates, months, and seasons. We will write spring scrolls, make firecrackers, and lanterns to decorate our classrooms. We will also make dragons for dragon dance.

Ms. Pam



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**...where children are  
valued  
And respected.**

### **Primary (3) Orange —Primario Anaranjado**

We have had two wonderful months full of hard work and fun. We started getting into the holiday mood by preparing for Thanksgiving with arts and crafts, and by enjoying our Thanksgiving Feast with our parents! Thank you for joining us and sharing those very tasty, delicious dishes.

In December we enjoyed learning our Christmas songs for the Winter Program; one, a Hungarian folk song! We look

forward to learning other songs in Hungarian and in other languages. Thank you for coming to our celebration and making our evening special with your presence.

We will start January with new energy and are going to learn about our next continent, Africa. We'll study its many countries, costumes and animals. We'll also learn about Martin Luther King Jr. and

why he is an important figure in American history.

In February, we'll learn about Asia and celebrate the Chinese New Year. That month, we will also learn about President's Day and we'll celebrate Valentine's Day with our friends. More details will be sent later.

I would like to remind you to please **provide all the winter gear for your child.** We've had many snowy, cold days and the children enjoy

going out and getting some fresh air.



Thank you for the wonderful, nutritious snack that you provide for our children, so they can grow and have energy to learn!

Ms. Beatrix  
and Ms. Gladys

