



# Adventure Montessori Learning

Nov./Dec., 2011

**“The things he (a child) sees are not just remembered; they form a part of his soul.”**

**-M. Montessori**

### Special points of interest:

- Thanksgiving and wishes of gratitude
- Toddler Musical Holiday Parade
  - Winter Program—*International Peace*
- Winter Camp
- Kindergarten Round-up!

### Upcoming Dates

#### November

Daylight Savings - 6th

Turn your clocks back

Early Closure @ 3 pm 23

Closed for Thanksgiving 24  
25

Sign-up for Winter Camp 28

#### December—

Early Closure @ 3 pm 23

Closed—Day after 26

Christmas

Winter Camp 27th -30

BACK TO SCHOOL

January 2nd!

## Conferences at AML ..

Thank you all for attending our first Parent/Teacher Conferences and for partaking in our Harvest Week Activities!

The teachers enjoyed having that time to get to know each of you better through conversation and to get to “compare notes” on both of our favorite subjects, your children! Please know that teachers are available to talk with you at any time during the school year and can do “mini” conferences at any time, after scheduling an appointment.

## Winter Camps

Sign-up sheets for our Winter Camps will be posted in each classroom on Monday, Nov. 28th. Although the school will be open, all the Primary Lead teachers will be on their two week winter break vacation . They put in many hours and need this time to relax and become rejuvenated.

### Winter Camps:

◇ Dec. 19th—23rd

*“Gingerbread Genius”*

◇ Dec. 27th—30th

*“Winter Science”*

We are asking for you to sign-up your children in advance in order to plan for our staffing needs.

Spanish Curriculum:



*“Bienvenido Otono”*

In November and December we are going to be learning the days of the week, parts of the body and about the weather and seasons.

**Feliz día de Accion de Gracias**

**Happy Thanksgiving Day!**

*Meeting the chickens, Glenda, Percy, Moochie &*

*Luciano*



The camp, Dec. 27th—30th will have an additional associated fee of \$9.25 per hour. We, in turn, will offer our assistants who choose to work during this week, an additional \$1.00 an hour bonus pay rate.

### Activities:

The classrooms will have Montessori materials available during these camps, but the children will not receive new lessons during this time. We will focus on projects and group activities.



**Yes, we have gotten eggs from the chickens!!**

Thank you for all your input and suggestions!

We appreciate them.



Moochie checking out her new environment.



### New Lunch Program—Michael's of Denver

AML will be starting a new lunch program in mid November.

Although healthy, the previous company's food wasn't eaten very well by the children...and THEY are the final test!

Because of the rise in the **cost of food, we will begin charging \$1.50 per lunch, beginning in January, which will cover approximately half the cost of serving lunch at AML. We will continue to pay for the other half of the cost.**

### Classroom News

#### Nido (nest) Classroom: Eating Time!

#### Meal Times at the Table

In the Montessori environment we start working with infants on developing good eating habits and routines. We use a small table with chairs that have sides on them to accompany the size and balance of the infants. We will begin feeding at the table when the infant has balance to sit up on his/her own. There is a wonderful process that takes place when an infant begins to eat at the table. Initially, the infant will be carried to the

table and placed in the chair. As the infant develops more independence and can crawl/roll/scoot to the table, we will encourage them to get there on their own. When serving food at the table, we want to teach them that food belongs in a bowl or on a plate. We never place food on the table. If the infant will be served formula or breast milk in a bottle during the time he/she is given solids, we will give the bottle at the table. This allows them to practice tilting their heads up and back to drink, in preparation to start using a cup.

We encourage the infants to be independent when eating and drinking at the table. This means that we will allow them to hold their own utensils. This process is not always the cleanest, but the more practice they have, the faster they will master self-feeding. We give a lesson on how to hold a cup, showing them slowly, using both hands. Drinking a small amount at a time, with lots of practice leads to mastering drinking from a cup.

We encourage families to sit down and eat with their infants and children. We are role models and children will model what they are shown. If you have any questions about the process your infant is working on, please feel free to talk with us!

#### Giving Tree



In the **Nido classrooms**, on the doors to the diaper changing areas, are "trees" with leaves listing items that are needed in each room. If you see something you have to donate, we will gratefully accept it! **Thank you** for all of the donations already coming in!

### Hello Toddler Parents, Caminantes 1,2,3

Hi Parents! We hope you and your families are enjoying our big snows! In relation to colder weather, please remember to bring proper winter apparel. The children need mittens, boots, hats, snow pants, and a warm jacket in order to have fun in the snow and stay comfortable. Please, though, remember to label everything!

On another note, many of the children are beginning to potty train. Please send them in clothing they can maneuver, such as sweat pants or any pant with an elastic waist

that can be pulled up and down easily. Thank s for all your help!

We thought it'd be fun to give you a heads up on things to do in the Denver area in November...

#### Denver Zoo

Free days—Nov. 6th, 12th

#### Museum of Nature & Science

Free day—Nov. 13th

#### Denver Art Museum

Free day—Nov. 5th, Dec. 3rd

Hope you can all enjoy some of the fun things around town!



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

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful month October was! We have adjusted to the changes of a new teacher and we are really moving along. Harvest Week was fun and we really enjoyed focusing on pumpkins. We had lots of fun scrubbing our pumpkin. We made pumpkin bread, learned about the lifecycle of the pumpkin plant and enjoyed many fun crafts.

I really enjoyed getting to sit down with all of you during parent/teacher conferences. Please know that we have an open door policy. If you ever have any questions or concerns, feel

free to contact me or leave a note.

We would like to invite you to share your talents with our classroom. If you, or someone you know, has a special interest or talent that the children could benefit from, please speak with us so we can set up a time for you to visit. With the Holiday season just around the corner this would be a wonderful time to share your special holiday traditions with us.

During the month of November, we will be studying North America, Native Americans, Pilgrims, Harvest Time and Thanksgiving. We will start off our Continent stud-

ies learning about the continent that we all live on - North America. We will learn about many countries that are in North America including the United States of America. To get even closer to home, we will study the great state of Colorado.

As we move into December, we will focus on the continent of Europe. We will study many different holidays and celebrations from around the world including Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. This would be a wonderful time for you to come in and share your family's traditions with our class.

**We would like to ask each family to bring in a framed 4x6 family picture.**

We will display these family

pictures around our classroom. It makes the room feel more like home and the children love seeing their families and their friends' families.

Please remember that we will continue to go outside as often as we can. The children benefit greatly from the gross motor play and the connection to nature. With winter coming very quickly, we are having more and more cold weather. Please bring snow pants, winter coats, snow boots, hats and mittens. Remember to label **EVERY** item of clothing as this will greatly reduce the amount of misplaced items.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Kelley and Ms. Ashley

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

Dear Families,

I really enjoyed meeting with all of you, and sharing your children's progress. We have a great class and I truly enjoy every day I spend with them.

We had a wonderful harvest week. Some of the highlights were apple cutting, and baking apple pies. We also carved a pumpkin and it was Mrs. Mary's first jack o lantern. We also tweezed Indian corn and focused on the life cycle of a pumpkin. I would also like to give a huge thank you for all of your pumpkin patch donations. During this time we were also learning about the body, and ended with a focus on the skeleton, and got to take a closer look by viewing x-rays.

Our class is very excited about what is coming up in the months of November and December. In November, our topics of study will be the Continent of North America, Native Americans, and the pilgrims. To celebrate Thanksgiving, we will be making stone soup. Please keep your eyes out for the list of contributions and the date we will be celebrating. We would love to have any parents who are available to join us.

In December we will be focusing on the continent of Europe. Also the many cultures and traditions, that surround the holiday season. If any parent would like to bring a cooking project or craft, we would love to have you par-

ticipate. Make sure to set aside the afternoon of December 16<sup>th</sup> to come see your children perform in the winter program. They are looking forward to singing their songs; in addition there will be food and refreshments afterwards.

Some friendly reminders,

Please remember to sign your child in and out  
Please check your child's work folder at the end of each day  
Please be aware of the parent pockets in your child's cubby for communication and invitations

Please be aware of your child's news day date; it is a special date, that the kids

really look forward to.

On snow days please bring:

- Snow pants
- A warm winter coat
- Mittens or gloves
- Snow boots

So your child can fully enjoy the snow experience.

Thank you for all that you do, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Ms. Shellie and Ms. Mary





**Mandarin Chinese has started...and the children already know their colors!!**

**Adventure  
Montessori  
Learning**

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



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

It's been a wonderful month. Our children have been working very hard; very successfully. We were happy to tell you all about our classrooms at parent-teacher conferences so that you can have a better understanding of what our working period looks like and to inform you about the great progress that the children have made.

Our Harvest Party was lots of fun! We dipped apples in caramel, decorated pumpkins and filled our scarecrow bags, which the children made, with treats.

Thank you for helping to make that happen and especially for Mrs. Aray, from Primary 4, who brought treats and apples for both groups.

As we get closer and closer to the holiday season, we are going to be busier and busier! In November, we are going to learn about Native Americans, North America, Harvest Time, Pilgrims and Thanks giving. In December, we are going to learn about Antarctica, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. Besides all this, we are

going to continue learning about Math, Language, Sensorial, and Practical Life lessons. Also, we will continue practicing our Winter Program songs that, very soon we'll be able to sing to you.

Thank you so much for providing healthy and nutritious snacks that help our children learn better and run faster and for all your support.

Please don't hesitate to call or stop by if you have any questions. We are very happy to help you.

Thank you! Ms. Beatrix and Ms. Gladys



Mrs. Abbott, a Veterinarian and Mom at AML gave a wonderful