

JANUARY

Montessori School of Sonoma

Important Dates:

January 1st
Happy New Year!

January 8th
School Resumes

January 15th
Martin Luther King Jr Day
No School!

February 19th
Presidents Day
School Closed



“The education of even a small child does not aim at preparing her for school but for life.”
~Maria Montessori

Happy New Year!

To all of our students, staff and families. We are so grateful for each and every one of you. Our School Community is a wonderful part of all our children’s lives. We have enjoyed getting to know you all at our school-wide events, and look forward to more gatherings in the Spring! Thank you so much for being a part of The Montessori School of Sonoma.



School Wide Reminders:

School Tax ID#:

For those of you gathering information for tax purposes, the Tax ID# for The Montessori School of Sonoma is 94-2174042

Extra Items:

Please be sure to keep small toys and accessories at home! Thank you!

Extra Clothes:

Please make sure to replace your child's extra clothes as they grow with warm, weather appropriate layers.

We at The Montessori School of Sonoma understand how important it is for young children to build and foster loving relationships with their teachers and care givers in order to thrive. Rest assured that all of our teachers have developed a relationship with each and every child here at school. We have rearranged some of our current teachers, and would like to welcome Shannon and Jocelyn to our staff. We are excited to continue this school year and watch our students grow!

Montessori School of Sonoma Staff 2024

Director - Cathy & Sarah

Assistant Director - Danielle

Infant - Katherine & Julia

Toddler - Christine & Claudia

Primary - Rachel, Lucie (AM), & Christine (PM)

Enrichment - Vivian, Shannon, & Lucie (PM)

Long Term Substitute - Laurie

Infant Corner:

Hello and Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday break however you chose to spend your time.

In the Infant Room we are celebrating acts of kindness. We wanted to share with you some examples of what we see and encourage in our classroom. We love to see children hold their friends hand while they go down the slide, picking up a toy that fell and returning it to their classmate, and squatting down to check in on their friend if they're feeling sad. We often see them say please and thank you with their friends also. Encouraging this extension of themselves creates an environment where children feel supported and seen by their peers, and fostering this behavior creates young friendships.

As you may of noticed, we sent home your child's extra clothes if they were too small or for warm weather months. Please return some warmer extra clothes for us to have on hand.

As we experience more wet weather, we also ask that you dress your child in warm layers and sturdy footwear so that we can still play outside if the ground is wet!

Happy New Year!

Katherine & Julia



Toddler Corner:

Happy New Year!

We hope you are all enjoying winter break. The children's excitement during this time of year is so memorable. We will be coming back to school with new work on the shelves and some new circle time activities. Starting in January we will be saying The Pledge of Allegiance each morning at our first circle. A different child each day will be the helper for the day and their duties will be to hold the flag and ring the bell. When your child comes home wearing a flag sticker you will know that they were the helper for the day. Be sure to ask them about it.

Some of our new work will include baby washing, snowman building and our long train puzzle.

We would like to welcome a few new friends to our class and say good luck to others. Layne and Evie have moved to the primary class and Annie, Cece and Lucas will be joining us in our class. We are excited for them to join us and for the new friendships we will make. Also we will be saying "see ya around" to Vivian. She will be moving to the Childcare Enrichment classroom. In Toddler will still be Christine and Claudia in the mornings, joined by Julia in the afternoons.

*Please take some time to restock your child's extra clothes bag. Weather appropriate please and please add a few pairs of extra socks. Those seem to be the first to go.

Happy New Year!

Christine & Claudia



Primary Classroom

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!! We hope you enjoyed your holiday break with your loved ones. We are happy to get back to school and look forward to a bright and engaging 2024! Take a peek into our classroom. We made some changes and know the children will be excited to discover the new and challenging work on the shelves! Let's get to work!

Montessori Minute: The classroom environment is rich in materials, which encourage our young children to explore. The students have the opportunity to learn and progress at their own pace. They learn from a concrete foundation to the abstract concept. The students develop independence, self-discipline, and become responsible group members. Our classroom motto: Help, Care, Share, and Listen.

Curriculum Spotlights: The Polar regions: Antarctica and the Arctic. We will focus our studies on the continent of Antarctica as well as the Arctic Circle area. Winter time seems to be the perfect opportunity to study these cold regions of the Earth. We'll learn about the wildlife of each area as well as the geography and climate.

Mosquito School!: As part of our zoology curriculum we will learn all about the mosquito life cycle in a special presentation later in the month. From the larva to the pupa to adult, we will be able to observe the live specimens at each stage. Best of all, no bug spray needed!

Here's to a healthy and productive new year!

Rachel, Lucie, & Christine



Childcare Enrichment Corner:

Happy New Year Families!

We hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed family time together! We really enjoyed all our holiday arts and crafts together, the children worked so carefully to create their bells.

In January we will be discovering the seasons through books and art. We will continue to cook on Tuesdays starting with fruit and veggie "French fries" and yoghurt dip. January is also all about a new author, Dr. Seuss! We will be reading and creating around his books.

Warmly,

Lucie, Vivian & The Childcare Enrichment Team



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 New Years Day!	2	3  Happy Birthday Evie!	4	5  Happy Birthday Tom!	6  Happy Birthday Daisy!
WINTER BREAK-NO SCHOOL						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Jr. DAY SCHOOL CLOSED!	16	17  Happy Birthday Tommy!	18  Happy Birthday Grant R.!	19	20  Happy Birthday Will!
21	22	23	24  Happy Birthday Cece!	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			