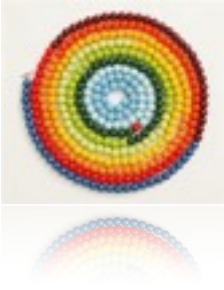


# JANUARY

Montessori School of Sonoma



## Important Dates:

January 1st:

Happy New Year!

January 17th:

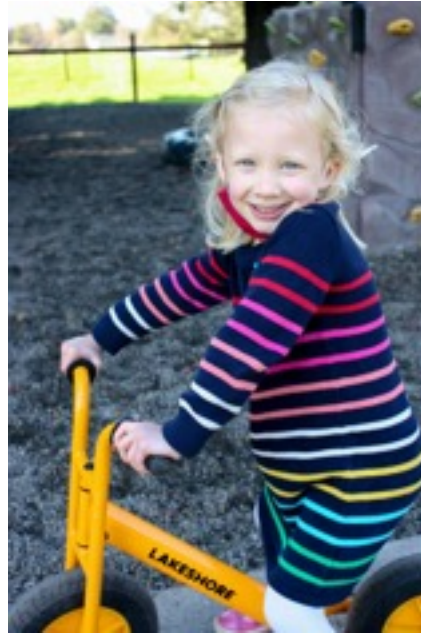
School Closed -  
MLK Day

February 14th:

Happy Valentines  
Day!

February 21st:

School Closed -  
Presidents Day



*“In each sphere there is essential work to be done; the work of the adult and the work of the child are both essential for the life of humanity.”*



- Maria  
Montessori

## Ballet:

Great News! Mrs. Churchill has agreed to come back and teach both a morning and afternoon class for any children who would be interested to start or continue from the AM and PM Primary groups. If you did not receive the email with more information and instructions on how to sign up, please let us know!

# School Wide Reminders:

**Extra Items:** *Please be sure to keep small toys and accessories at home. Thank you!*

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

**Parking Lot:** Please turn your engine off while dropping off/picking up your child to minimize the amount of exhaust for those who are walking through the parking lot. Thank you!



## Infant Corner:



Happy New Year!

We hope you had a nice winter break with family and friends.

When the weather is too cold and wet to get a lot of us outside time, we think of other ways our class can get their energy flowing. We like to sing a variety of movement songs like "The Ants Go

Marching" and "Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes", etc. We also enjoy more art projects on days mostly spent indoors.

Our class will continue learning about how to treat each others bodies. Frequently, we use the phrases "gentle hands", "excuse me", "please", and "thank you". This helps them learn the language of kindness.

We look forward to more fun ahead!

*-Katherine & Karina*



## Toddler Corner:

Happy New Year and welcome back!



We hope everyone had a fantastic holiday. Rainy days mostly spent inside, playing games, doing art, or just hanging out make great winter break memories. Add some puddle jumping too, outside is just as important and the fresh air feels great!

**Here are some math and language games to play at home:**

### Language:

Many games can be played using phonetic sounds such as "I spy". Start with "I spy something that begins with \_\_\_\_\_". You can use anything in the child's environment or a basket of objects. A simple child's lotto game can be turned into "sound BINGO" using cards with beginning sounds on them.

### Math:

"Mary, clap three times. 1,2,3."

"John, knock five times. 1,2,3,4,5."

Counting songs:

"1,2,3,4,5 I caught a fish alive. 6,7,8,9,10 then I threw him back again."

"Hickory, Dickory, Dock. The mouse ran up the clock.

The clock struck 1, the mouse ran down.

The clock struck 2, the mouse said "Boo!"

The clock struck 3, the mouse said "Weeee!"

The clock struck 4, the mouse said "No more!"

Driving in the car - How many red cars can you count before we get home?

**Here are some other ideas to encourage number awareness:**

\*A number wall, chart, or mural

\*Counting games - "How many shoes"

\*Counting items for place setting at meal time

\*Measuring and counting for recipes.

\*Commands such as "Bring me 3 crayons"

### Reminder:

Please LABEL ALL the clothing items your child may be taking off and on. Please send extra socks for your child's extra clothes bag in our class.

Happy New Year!

-Christine & Cara





## Childcare Enrichment Corner:



Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe the first half of the school year is over. With the new year we will be adding two new daily curriculum pieces to our enrichment program. Children will practice writing their names each day as they sign themselves in as they arrive in the classroom. Our first day back we will also begin our focus on a letter of the week. Starting with the letter A and following alphabetical order we will learn to recognize and form the uppercase and lowercase letters, the sounds that each letter makes, and how to sign each letter in sign language. Together we will create a weekly list of words beginning with each letter

sound as a group, and will practice writing them as well.

Our new author of the month for January is Eric Carle. Eric Carle's books are beautifully illustrated by collaged images made of textured paper the author created himself. Together we will make our own textured paint paper to make artwork from. Eric Carle's stories are all about animals, which will be our thematic topic for the month. We will learn about the different animal classes and have fun sorting animals into their different groups. We will learn about the qualities and characteristics of each group of animals and learn what group we belong to and why.

We are looking forward to another fun month in the Childcare Enrichment classroom!

*-Natasha and Danielle*



## Primary Corner:



Dear parents,

Welcome to 2022!

January will be a long month and thus the perfect time to study Antarctica and the Arctic Circle. These areas provide us with knowledge of unusual animal habitats and plenty of unique vocabulary. Get ready to hear about all kinds of penguins.

Zoology now takes the place of Botany until we get back into the garden around Spring Equinox. We will begin with 'fish' following the evolutionary ladder to amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Once introduced these

categories will be mixed and repeated at a deeper level.

We will continue our practice of penmanship utilizing our Cultural Subjects, but also simple name writing. Penmanship is exercised performing a variety of fine motor skills, and many children just really want to sew: Sewing they shall!

It is our hope that the most abstract subject, Mathematics, will take first year students to the comprehension and recognition of 0 - 10, while other students focus on linear counting, place value, and/or fractions. In this way, exposure, practice, and mastery will take place side by side within our Montessori classes. According to our New Year's resolution each newsletter will include a short, yet, very important aspect of child development. To kick this new habit off with a bang, Rachel and I chose...



**ACCOUNTABILITY:**

**Definition:** *In terms of ethics and governance, accountability is equated with answerability, blameworthiness, liability, and the expectation of account-giving.*

In order to set our children up for success in life - now and later - they must be held accountable.

**Sharing:**

Sharing means connecting in a joyful and innocent way with our peers at school. It fosters vocabulary and public speaking. It also is a practice of listening and respect. Sharing has become very popular and here is a quick review of appropriate items to bring.

*Items to be shared:*

*Books without commercial characters (Please review October newsletter)*

*Nature items*

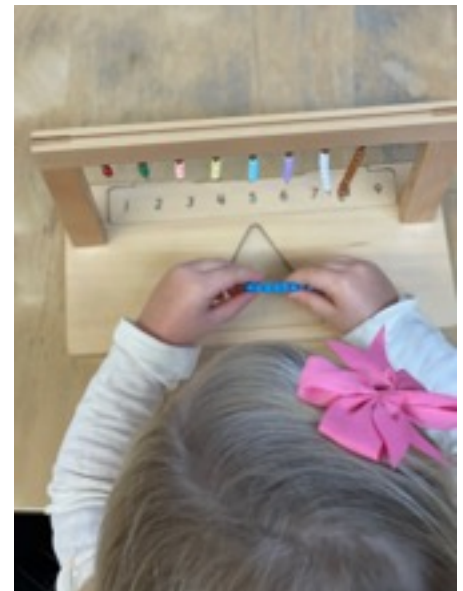
*Handmade crafts*

*Paintings*

*Pictures of a trip or relatives*

**Every child will have a date especially for them. Please note your child’s day and remember to label the item with your child’s name.**

**Sharing days are on Fridays.**









<b>Date</b>	<b>Morning Primary</b>	<b>Afternoon Primary</b>
Jan. 7 & Feb. 11	Adam, Camryn, Dexter, Abigail, Beau	Andalie, Bonnie, Cohen, Arthur, Cassidy
Jan. 14 & Feb. 18	Emmalyn, Faith, Finn, Haylee, Indy	Emilia, Eli, Charlie, Colton, Emerie
Jan. 21 & Feb. 25	Jordy, Leo, Jemma, Jonny	Gemma, Jordan, Mary Claire, Maika, Martina
Jan. 28 & Mar. 4	Margaux, Nate, Kaiden, Layla	Margaux, Niah, Paxton, Madeleine, Max
Feb.4 & Mar. 11	Reign, Riley, Quinn, Walker	Ronin, Winter, Melody, Rhett, Victoria

May we all experience a happy New Year!

With gratitude,  
-Barbara and Rachel

# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						 1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>
2	3 <b>CLASSES RESUME</b> 	4	5  <b>Happy Birthday Winter!</b>	6  <b>Happy Birthday Max!</b>	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16  <b>Happy Birthday Ronin!</b>	17 <b>MLK Jr. Day SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <b>Happy Birthday Tommy!</b>	18	19  <b>Happy Birthday Rhett!</b>	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					