

NOVEMBER

Montessori School of Sonoma



Important Dates:

November 12th:

School Closed -
Veterans Day

November 22, 23, 24:

Parent Teacher
Conferences

November 25, 26:

School Closed -
Thanksgiving Break

December 20th - Jan
2nd

School Closed -
Winter Break



“Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment.”

- Maria
Montessori



Parent Teacher Conferences:

Conferences are coming up and we wanted to remind you that school is OPEN on the scheduled conference days. We plan to have conferences either in person or via Zoom this year, TBD. You will receive an email containing the link to schedule an appointment with your child’s teacher in the near future. If conferences are in person, please be sure to bring a mask to be worn as some conferences may be held inside the building.

Please be sure to find accommodations for your child’s siblings as it will provide more time for focusing on your Montessori student. Our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you all!

for small hands catalog

If you would like to place an order from the “for small hands” catalog through us, please bring your order to the front office by November 17th. Thank you!



Reminders:

Sharing:

We've enjoyed seeing and hearing about the sharing that has come to school. Thank you!

We have changed our format and if your child is interested in bringing a small item for sharing they will have a specified day. Please encourage them to bring a creation of their own making, a book, a nature discovery, or a photographic memory and place it in the sharing basket at drop off. More info in Primary Corner!

Drop off/Pick Up:

Please be sure that you, or whoever is dropping off or picking up, is signing your child in and out of school on the clipboards. This documentation is state mandated, so please ensure that an adult is signing.

School Absence:

If your child will be missing school, please call or email to let us know! We can be reached at 707-996-2422 or info@montessorisonoma.com.

Health Policy Reminder:

We realize that COVID-19 has been affecting many of our decisions in the past year and a half, and, is still on the forefront of many of our school policies. Please remember that regardless of COVID-19 we still have a Health Policy in place to keep our staff and students healthy so that we can continue to stay open and serve our families. Please review our Health Policy below. If you still have questions regarding our COVID-19 policies, please do let us know.

Health Policy:

Winter is a time for colds and flu. We would like to make every effort to keep our students and staff healthy. In deciding whether or not to send your child to school when s/he is only a "little bit sick", a general rule of thumb is if the child is too sick to play outside, s/he should stay at home. Please observe the following:

KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HOME IF:

- * If s/he has a fever or has had one during the previous **24 hours**.
- * If s/he has vomited in the last **24 hours**.
- * If s/he has a heavy nasal discharge or green nasal discharge.
- * If s/he has a constant cough.
- * If s/he is fussy, cranky, and generally not their best.
- * If s/he is tired. Rest at such times may prevent the development of serious illness.
- * If s/he has a communicable disease. Please notify the school if this is the case.

A child should stay home in the event of vomiting, diarrhea, or fever. If this occurs at school we will call a parent so that the child can be picked up. We ask that the child not return to school until **at least 24 hours** after the last episode of vomiting, diarrhea or fever. We also ask that the child be kept home if s/he has mucus that is green. S/he may return to school when the mucus is clear. We are not able to accommodate sick children. Please do not bring your children to school if they are sick. We would appreciate it if you would advise the school if your child has a contagious disease/condition so that we can alert other parents and staff, and guard against further spread.

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL TO INFORM US IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ATTENDING CLASS FOR THE DAY.
THANK YOU.



Infant Corner:



Hello Families,

We are happy to have added a new classmate, Tate, last month. Welcome Tate!

For conferences this Fall, we will be sending a detailed email to each family including specific information about your child’s time with us. Due to the COVID, we feel it is easier than meeting in person. We will try to anticipate any questions you might have about our time at school, and we will try our best to answer them. This being

said, please respond to the email with any questions you have and we’d be happy to help.

Information we will be providing:

- Your child’s personal favorite activities (either a favorite toy and/or songs).
- Our classroom routine.
- The words and phrases we’ve been using.
- Some tips on how to use positive language at home.

School will be closed for Thanksgiving Break Thursday Nov. 25th and Friday Nov. 26th. Enjoy your family time together!

- Katherine & Karina



Toddler Corner

Happy November!

We enjoyed our October activities including new songs, fun art projects and different shelf works. We painted bats with marbles and pumpkins on our easel. At the end of the month we carved a happy face pumpkin using as many shapes as we could think of for the face.

It was fun to see everyone at our Zoom Open House. Thank you for logging on! For those of you who missed it I went over our daily schedule, which you can see below:

8:30-9:30:	OUTSIDE
9:30-9:35:	CLEAN UP/WASH HANDS
9:35-10:00:	CIRCLE
10:10-11:00:	WORK TIME/BATHROOM
11:00-11:15:	STORY TIME
11:15 – 11:45:	LUNCH
11:45 – 12:30:	OUTSIDE/PICK-UP
12:30 – 2:30:	NAP
2:30 – 3:00:	SNACK/BOOKS
3:00 – 4:00:	OUTSIDE/PICK-UP



Conferences: We will meet personally this month for parent/teacher conferences. Please watch for the email to digitally sign up. Conference days are November 22-24.

Weather: We have welcomed the rain with open arms and will be going outside any chance that we can. Raincoats and boots are great for school. Please label both as we take the boots off while we are inside. Also, if we send wet clothes home, please be sure to bring clean ones back in return.

One of our Thanksgiving Songs:

*Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you?
Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you?
With a gobble gobble gobble
And a wobble wobble wobble
Hello Mr. Turkey, how are you?*



Holiday Toys: As the holiday season approaches it will be time to begin shopping for gifts for our loved ones. Choosing toys can be a difficult decision. Here are some questions you might ask yourself before you make a purchase.

- Does this toy do what my child expects it to?
- Will my child be able to make this toy work?
- Is this toy too delicate? Will it break in my child's hands?
- Do I foresee saying "shhhhh" every time my child uses this? Is it too noisy?
- Does this toy have to many pieces to keep track of?

We recommend not resisting the urge to buy more of the same things you might already have. Your child's idea of enough is not the same as yours. More horses or trucks may be a must in your house! Enjoy your child's excitement.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Christine & Cara

Primary Corner:



Dear families,

November is a busy month: We are changing the clocks, meeting for conferences and celebrating Thanksgiving at school and at home. The overall focus will be the continent of North America, native animals and people, and most fundamental needs such as clothing, food, shelter, transportation and safety/hygiene. We are now beginning our peace journey around the globe. If you have stories, items, pictures or maps that are relevant

and you would like to share, we will include them in our curriculum.



With the colder weather children are encouraged to bring several layers of clothing as well as mittens and hats. We are making an extra effort to help all children to gather up these items to go back home in the afternoon. Please, indicate what clothing can remain at school. Please, no umbrellas!

Clean masks that fit well and can be handled by your child independently are very important. We frequently check lunch boxes for an extra mask, especially after lunch. If children are clustered with friends during outside play, they are asked to wear their mask. Please know that we are committed to provide a healthy and safe environment for all children.



Primary Corner Cont’:

Sharing:

All four groups have settled in and begun to build a community of friends. 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.

Date	Morning Primary	Afternoon Primary
Friday, Nov. 5	Adam, Camryn, Dexter, Abigail, Beau	Andalie, Bonnie, Cohen, Arthur, Cassidy
Friday, Nov. 19	Emmalyn, Faith, Finn, Haylee, Indy	Emilia, Eli, Charlie, Colton, Emerie
Friday, Dec. 3	Jordy, Leo, Jemma, Jonny	Gemma, Jordan, Mary Claire, Maika
Friday, Dec. 10	Margaux, Nate, Kaiden, Layla, Quinn	Margaux, Niah, Paxton, Madeleine, Max
Friday, Dec. 17	Penelope, Reign, Riley, Walker	Ronin, Winter, Melody, Rhett, Victoria

We hope you can enjoy the Holiday with all of your family members!

Sincerely,
-Barbara and Rachel

Childcare Enrichment Corner:

Dear Childcare Enrichment Families,

We had so much fun in October! Now we know all about the different things that we can get from a farm, and all of the different animals that live there. The children really enjoyed decorating our classroom for Halloween; we made handprint ghosts to hang from the ceiling, and used apples to stamp orange pumpkins. We also loved singing *Five Little Pumpkins, Five Bats Hanging in the Steeple*, and dancing to Halloween songs.



Looking forward to November, our theme for the month will be "The 4 Seasons" and our author of the month will be James Dean. Each week we will focus on a different season, and our art projects will be inspired by the differences and beauty of each season. When we learn about Spring, we will do directed drawings of tulips, and go on a rainbow scavenger hunt in the garden. When we learn about Summer, we hope the sun will peek out long enough to create sun prints with things that we forage from the yard. The leaves out in the play yard will provide many art opportunities when we learn about the Fall. We will collect and create leaf prints with crayons and will make leaf paintbrushes. Finally we will end with Winter, and will learn how to fold and cut paper snowflakes before we move on to December!



Our author of the month, James Dean, is a class favorite. He is the author of all of the Pete the Cat books and songs. His books are filled with funny stories and catchy songs that are a favorite to all. Pete the Cat books show us many examples of kindness, sharing, friendship and of course Pete's famous saying, "It's all good!" We will also spend some time learning about what it means to be thankful. The children will help us create a thankful turkey, and at circle time we will talk about all the things

we are thankful for. We look forward to another month full of learning and creativity!

Thank you,
-Danielle and Natasha

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 PM Primary Ballet 	4 PM Primary Ballet 	5	6
7	8	9	10 PM Primary Ballet 	11 PM Primary Ballet 	12 SCHOOL CLOSED VETERANS DAY  HAPPY BIRTHDAY CALEB AND NATASHA!	13
14  HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOYAL!	15  HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIOLET!	16  HAPPY BIRTHDAY DANIELLE!	17 PM Primary Ballet  Small Hands Orders Due	18 PM Primary Ballet 	19	20
21  HAPPY BIRTHDAY WALKER!	22 Parent Teacher Conferences	23 Parent Teacher Conferences  HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARBARA!	24 Parent Teacher Conferences No Ballet	25  Thanksgiving Break	26  Thanksgiving Break	27
28	29	30				