



Evanston Montessori Children's House January 2017

Dear Parents,

“One kind word can warm three winter months.” Japanese proverb

Dad's Visiting Day

The Children at Evanston Montessori celebrated Dad's visiting day with their fathers on Saturday, January 28th. I was delighted to watch a spark



in children's eyes and excitement on their faces as they showed their favorite activities to their fathers. They made invitation cards and read poems about

dads. To show the Chinese tradition, they presented red envelopes and gold coins to their fathers.

Trip to Exploratorium

On Thursday, January 26 we visited exploratorium where the children had an opportunity to explore wonderful exhibits through interactive play.



Chinese New Year

We celebrated Chinese new year on Saturday, January 28th. The children enjoyed making panda masks, lanterns, Chinese flags, The Great Wall of China and colorful snakes. Thanks to Leah Lemelin, Everett's mom for helping them make a dragon.





Holiday Party



On Friday, December 16th we had a fun filled holiday party. All the families shared their food, enjoyed each other's company, and presented us with a geometric dome for the children to climb outside. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and for your generosity. Special thanks to Jessica Sales, our parent coordinator for organizing it.



Sharing

We think that it is essential for children to share their things with less fortunate children. It was a pleasure to see their smiling faces when they brought toys, books and gift cards. Kindness, generosity and sharing are priceless virtues that bring peace in the world.

Mailing Cards

The children made holiday greeting cards for their families and mailed them. They were overjoyed when their parents brought the mail from the mail box and opened it in front of them. This activity taught them how to write an address and paste a stamp on the envelope. Most importantly, they learned the art of greeting their families on special occasions.

Presentation on Hanukkah



Thanks to Imogen's mother Rebecca Seligman and her grandmother for presenting Hanukkah to the children. They had fun learning about the festival, playing games and got chocolates as a prize.



After taking a bath the doll looks so happy:)



Matching solid shapes with pictures is sensorial



Making a design with pink tower and brown stairs



We were all excited to make a snowman

Science

“Scientific knowledge is cumulative: To learn new things, you must build on what you already know. So, it’s important that your child start learning early...”

– U.S. Department of Education



Learning about reptiles



melting chalk with vinegar



shoe polishing



keeping the environment clean



making designs with metal insets



using short bead chain for learning to count



laughter yoga



putting sticks in holes

Habla Espanol

Our children are exposed to Spanish language every day. They love to sing songs and count in Spanish. Please click on the links below to practice with your child.

Upcoming Events

Special Lunch Wednesday, February 1st

Valentine's Party Tuesday, February 14

Presidents' Day Monday, February 20

Useful Links on You Tube

Macarena counts to 100 made by Dr. Jean

Pump Up to 100 - Exercise to Learn - Pump Up to 100 made by Dr. Jean

Los Colores: The Colors in Spanish Song by Risas y Sonrisas Spanish for Kids

Josefina la Gallina (Canal Oficial - Juguemos en el campo)

Tips for Creating Montessori at Home

Rotate those books and toys that the child does not use often. Put them in storage for a while. If the child has not outgrown them, take them out after a month. This will renew the child's interest in them.

“Now what really makes a teacher is love for the human child, for it is love that transform the social duty of the educator into the higher consciousness of a mission.” Dr. Maria Montessori

It's our pleasure to work with you and your children. Thank you for being so supportive!

Fondly,

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