

CMS FAMILY



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF CANTON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

December 2019



Grandparents and Special Friends Day



Garden Room Gab

We had an exciting November, The children have been learning about how the Pilgrims came to North America and how the Native Americans taught them how to grow food. We have also been using an atlas to trace the Mayflower from Europe to North America. The children are so excited about these lessons. We also were so happy to be celebrating Grandparents and Special Friends day, it is always with great joy that we observe the interaction between the children and their honored guest.

December will be a very busy month in the Garden Room. We will be learning not only about some Christmas traditions, but also Hanukkah and Kwanza. We love learning about our diverse world, and how wonderful every tradition is.

On behalf of the Garden Room staff I want to take the time to wish you and yours a happy holiday season.

Carla, Tanya and Krista

Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you

Mahaffey Family: Holiday lights

Lohr Family: Stickers and Holiday lights, books

Smith Family: Books

Williams Family: Books

Eicheldinger Family: Holiday stickers

Ohman Family: Books



Sun Room News

We wrapped up our health and hygiene work in November. Friends really enjoyed learning about germs and were very interested in working with our x-rays. A visit from an actual doctor was the highlight though. Aarush's mom, Dr. Parul Prabhakar, visited our classroom and friends had the opportunity to use a stethoscope and try on masks and gloves. It was very exciting!

In addition to learning about Thanksgiving, friends studied the apple and its life cycle. They really enjoyed the book *How Do Apples Grow?*. We looked at the different colors of apples and cut some open to examine the core and seeds. Our big project was making applesauce in the crock pot. It was a long process and friends helped with everything from washing the apples to peeling them and measuring ingredients. Many, many thanks to the Salazar, Prabhakar and Louis families for helping us get all of our supplies!

In December, we are learning about Chanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. Friends have enjoyed a variety of books but are particularly fond of *Let It Glow: A Winter's Walk* which actually features glowing lights. We also made special spiced play dough that we used to make ornaments.

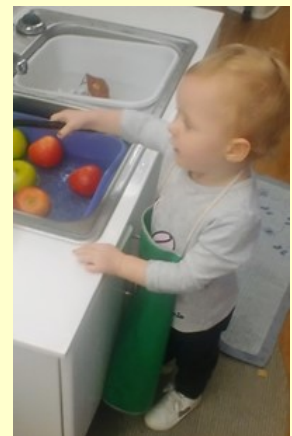
Friends have been learning about magnets as well this month. Using magnetic wands to pick up bells, friends were able to make jingle sticks. It was fun to sing along with the bells. We also read books about magnets and experimented with a number of other magnetic works.

January is national oatmeal and national soup, In honor of this, we will be doing lots of cooking next month.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



Jennifer and Rachell



The Ballroom

Ballroom students have been busy exploring the continent of North America. We are creating flags of each country and learning about the animals, landmarks and symbols of our great continent. We look forward to completing our North America unit with a special treat....state of Ohio cookies! We bid farewell to Ms. Alexis, our intern from Kent State and offer a warm welcome to two new friends, Eddie and Kylie. We are so grateful that you are a part of our Ballroom family!

Mrs. Bridget and Mrs. Cat



Kindergarten Enrichment

The Magic Tree House books are a well-loved chapter series read by our students in the afternoon Kindergarten Enrichment program. Kindergarteners explored the Cretaceous period and the Middle Ages while reading books 1 and 2. Books 3 and 4 had us traveling back in time to Ancient Egypt and the Age of Piracy. In book 5, *Night of the Ninjas*, the kindergarteners will create maps of the islands of Japan, brew tea and climb the majestic Mount Fuji.

Mrs. Bridget



The Parlor

The Parlor has been busy this month studying holiday traditions, weather, South America, and polygons. The students continue to work on “care of self” by putting on their snow gear independently. They have enjoyed several opportunities to play outside in the snow. Enjoy your holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in 2020.

Happy Holidays Montessori Style...

Friends in the Loft used traditional works to create a very merry Christmas tree.



The Loft

Greetings families! The students from the loft have been very busy working as well as anticipating the excitement of this holiday season. November was a wonderful time for us to further discuss North America with a special focus on Native Americans. The children loved having an actual teepee in our environment for a few days, courtesy of Miss Samantha. Of course there was also a great deal of “turkey talk” including funny songs, stories and art projects. We absolutely LOVE how creative these children are! A new addition to our practical life shelf was card sewing, which has also become a favorite activity.

As we continue to talk about the differences between plants and animals, the children were fascinated to learn that we too are mammals. This was a perfect transition into learning about the human body. I told them a story about how our organs need to work together in order to keep us healthy, and that each one has its own special job to do. They enjoy exploring the different parts on our “model” in the classroom. They even came up with their own song called “The Organ Pokey”, so please ask them about it.

Of course with the December holidays upon us, we have had plenty of opportunities to learn about different traditions. One day we had Madame Charlotte, our French teacher, sing us some traditional French songs. The children loved hearing her speak in another language, and it was a wonderful addition to our discussions about Europe. We will be learning more about Europe in the coming weeks as well.

Thank you to all of our grandparents and special friends for visiting us last month! I would also like to welcome Max Ficco to the Loft. Miss Samantha and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Holiday and best wishes for a wonderful 2020.

All the best,
Molly



ELEMENTARY

Celebrating the Holidays



Choir Concert



Thank you to:

All the Elementary families that donated cookies and cider for the choir concert.

Kristin Worley for organizing a wonderful book fair.

All the grandparents and special friends that came to visit in November.

D'yani and Andrea Johnson for donating chapter books for our library.

All the Lower Elementary families that donated cookies, cider, popcorn and popcorn bags, and pudding cups for our Charlotte's Web book party. The students enjoyed every minute of it!