

CMS FAMILY



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF CANTON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Grandparents & Special Friends Day

At Canton Montessori School we are THANKFUL for our Grandparents & Special Friends! All our students enjoyed welcoming their Grandparents & Special Friends to their environments in the days leading up to Thanksgiving! It was so special seeing the students prepare the weeks leading up to the visit - the excitement of our students as they showed their rooms, favorite work, and introduced their friends to our guests! Thank you to all who visited and shared in these great days!!

Spring Grandparents & Special Friends Day

March 20th - 23rd, 2023





Garden Room

It is the most wonderful time of the year!

The month of November brought so much joy to the Garden room with our Grandparents and Special Friends Day. The children worked so hard on their special gifts for our visitors. The children also loved singing our Circle Time songs and showing off their calendar skills.

We are entering December and have many fun activities planned including frosting cookies and making hot cocoa.

The children are also learning about Kwanzaa and Hanukkah. In our lessons on Kwanza, we are learning several African words including *kinara* which is a candle holder with eight candles. One candle a night is lit to celebrate a new idea. *Kikombe* which is a unity cup, we are also learning several other words. As we learn about Hanukkah, the children have been playing the dreidel game and working with the menorah.

We want to wish you and your family the happiest of holidays!

Ms. Carla and Mrs. Tanya



Sun Room

October and November were very busy for toddlers in the Sun Room as we transitioned into Autumn.

October was all about apples, pumpkins, and gourds. The children tasted different kinds of apples and made pumpkin crayons by melting crayons into pumpkin molds. The children also enjoyed helping pick up leaves and throw them into bags.

We worked with pouring and scooping acorns in November and read all about Thanksgiving. The children were thrilled when grandparents stopped by for Grandparents and Special Friends Day, it was a very special time for everyone.

Ms. Krista & Mrs. Tanya



The Ballroom

Ballroom students welcomed fall with open arms. Students scrubbed, dissected, labeled, and explored the life cycles of apples and pumpkins. We also enjoyed our fall tradition of apple tasting this year, with the Granny Smith Apple as the clear winner.

Turkeys and “giving thanks” were our focus in November. Students practiced our turkey song for days in anticipation of Grandparents’ Day. They sang their hearts out for their special visitors! In December, we kick off our continent studies with North America.

Flag, map, and cookie-making are coming soon!

Wishing you all Happy Holidays!
Bridget and Kiran



Kindergarten Enrichment

The afternoons in the Kindergarten Enrichment program have been filled with excitement as we prepare for the Willy Wonka Kids Musical in January. The kindergartners have been singing, dancing, and creating their costumes in preparation for taking the stage on January 12th.

The Magic Tree House books are also a large part of our curriculum in the Enrichment program. Each book takes us on a journey, exploring different periods and places across the globe. The books have guided our travels through the Cretaceous Period, the Middle Ages, Ancient Egypt, and the Golden Age of Piracy. Reading, research, and lively discussions have inspired our creations of castles, pyramids, and pirate ships.

Bridget





The Loft

In November, Loft students learned about Thanksgiving as we studied North America. We discussed our own traditions, the voyage of the Mayflower, and the meaning of a bountiful harvest. Their favorite part as always, was doing the Turkey Dance Freeze. We have moved on to South America now, and the students are loving our new musical instruments native to different countries.

When we return in January, we will be studying Antarctica and penguins. In the month of December, the students spent time making holiday cards and decorations, learning about other cultures, and singing Christmas carols. Hanukkah, Kwanza, and Christmas puzzles and books were some of their favorite things.

As we learn about the four seasons, the students are anxiously awaiting the arrival of snow. When the time comes, please be sure to send in snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens or gloves. We can leave them at school and send them home on the weekend each week. We will be going outside EVERYDAY as long as the wind chill temperature is above 20 degrees.

Samantha and I would like to wish you all a safe and wonderful holiday break. Thank you again for all that you do for us! See you in the new year!

Warmest wishes for a healthy holiday,
Miss Molly and Miss Samantha





The Parlor

The students studied various body parts, the circulatory system, and various bones throughout the month of November. They learned about the importance and function of each part. They also used their five senses to explore objects and activities. They learned how their senses interact with one another.



The different food groups were covered with the students during the month of December (grains, vegetables, fruits, dairy, and protein). They discovered that consuming a variety of foods from each food group would help them develop and provide them with the energy they need.

Additionally, the students studied and traveled through Europe. They looked at images from several countries and learned about their monuments, wildlife, and cultures. The other countries' names and locations were also taught to them.



As December came to a close, we began studying the five animal kingdoms. The students discovered that they are mammals, and the characteristics of a mammal include hair or fur, being warm-blooded, being born alive, drinking mother's milk, and having vertebrates. Additionally, they studied the characteristics of reptiles which include vertebrates covered with scales, cold-blooded, produce shelled eggs, or bear live young and have at least one lung.

Lower Elementary

A Lower Elementary Thanksgiving tradition is to make stone soup the week before Thanksgiving. Students are invited to bring in one ingredient to share. They prepare the veggies and enjoy hearing the story Stone Soup read by Mrs. Chandler, and then we all try our delicious soup at the end of the day!



Upper Elementary

The Upper Elementary students have been working on Advanced Solar System Studies this month. While using hands-on materials and technology, they have worked with partners on the following topics:

- Understanding day and night, the “apparent” movement of the sun, the differences of time on Earth, the length of a shadow, and the reason for the seasons using the Tellurium. The Tellurium is a model used to demonstrate the movement of the earth and moon around the sun.
- Studying the orbits of the planets using the Solar System Mat.
- Understanding how gravity on different planets affects weight using the Gravity Bottles. The Gravity Bottles allow children to feel the weight of equal mass on each planet and the moon. The students then weigh themselves and calculate their weight on each planet, the moon, and the sun!
- Identifying constellations in the northern and southern hemispheres by their scientific name and nickname using the Constellation Board.
- Calculating the distance of planets in relation to each other and the sun using Astronomical Units of measurement.



Upper Elementary continued



- Solar System Research using command cards that prompt children to explore the workings of the Solar System and the relationships between its parts. For example, students will research how many times faster does Earth rotate than Mars or how much colder is Neptune's "surface temperature" than Earth's lowest surface temperature?
- Studying the Birth of the Universe Timeline from the Plank Epoch to the Formation of Galaxies. Students can view a stunning visual representation of the timeline while learning the terminology of the timeline.

Thank you to all of our Upper Elementary families who offered to help during our Wonka Kids Set Decoration Night on Thursday, December 8th. We had such an overwhelming response that we will need to schedule other dates so we can complete the set before our Wonka Kids Musical on Thursday, January 12th. We are painting backdrops under the artistic direction of Holly Brothers (Addy's mom) with Rachel Ranalli (Sophia's mom), Shannon McFee (Kyran's mom), and Mhari Weir (a former CMS student). We appreciate all your time and talent and look forward to doing it again!



CMS Holiday Shoppe

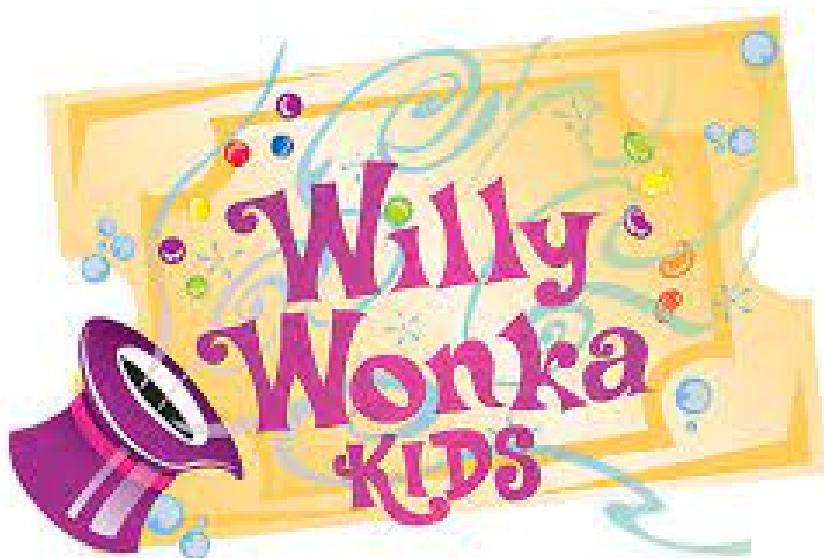
The Lower Elementary students have been working diligently to prepare for our upcoming Holiday Shoppe. This is an excellent opportunity for students to practice counting money and making change by selling handmade crafts to Pre-Primary students on our 15th St. Campus.

Upper Elementary students have acted as instructors, helping small groups of Lower Elementary students create the crafts that will be sold.









CMS MUSICAL

January 12, 2023

6:30 PM

Elementary Campus

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Spring Fling 2023:


Hats & Horses

April 29, 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 CMS CLOSED (Winter Break)	3 CMS CLOSED (Staff Inservice)	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 CMS Spirit Day! 	11	12 Winter Musical (Elementary Campus) 6:30 PM	13	14
15	16 CMS CLOSED (MLK Day)	17 Elementary Open House 6:00 PM	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	HAPPY NEW YEAR			

Montessori Education Week

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	1 Pre-Primary Family Visit Night	2	3	4
	Montessori Education Week					
5 CMS Bowling Party	6	7 CMS  Spirit Day!	8	9	10	11
	Parent—Teacher Conferences					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 CMS CLOSED (Spring Break)	
	RSVP DAYS No Lunch Provided					