



*Hello Villa*  
*2018-19*

Dear Villa Families!

We are super excited to share the many wonderful events planned for December, a month filled with joy, peace and love! What a great way to begin the month of sharing! I am always looking for opportunities to partner up Villa with organizations that support the local communities! This year, ***Villa kindly supports West Valley Community Services*** to collect food and other items for the neediest in our community. WVCS is located in Cupertino, and is very happy that Villa will join their fight against hunger! Please see the flier sent to home for more details on how you can make a difference! There are three big boxes at Villa ready to receive food and other donations as mentioned in the flier. The boxes are placed in front of the office, between the wreath and the poinsettia plant! 😊

Please join us in teaching and encouraging children to understand the concept of giving and sharing! All donations can be dropped off anytime during school hours from today until Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

Starting this month, I have requested teachers to share one Montessori material we use in the classroom. Teachers will explain the use of the material, the skills it helps develop in your child, and how to create the material at home with your child's participation. Please see the lesson and December curriculum focus below. I am sure it will be loads of fun for your child to try the lesson at home with you! We would love to hear your feedback!



### ***Villa is Grateful!***

Thank you to Rasheed's mom and Isshana's mom in helping with Villa's seasonal gardening and yard work! Children were able to plant garlic and learn more about winter plants because of you!

Thank you, Oliver's family, for the monetary donation to Villa honoring your child's birthday!

Special thank you goes to ***Keira's mom, Connie***, for her dedication to bring Villa families together and support its fundraising efforts! The recent fundraising effort for restaurant night was because of her efforts! Thank you to all the families who supported the cause and enjoyed the meal together on a rainy evening!

Thank you all for attending the parent teacher conferences. If you still have questions or comments to share with us, please reach us for another meeting anytime!

Thank you to Isshana's mom and the room parents for the staff lunch on November 30th. Thank you to Ollie, Elaine, and Grace to the many yummy treats!

Thank you to all the families who brought back the plants in the right pot! Children are learning new skills while caring for plant. eg: From spritzing water to pouring. Pot with better drainage helps keep the plant healthy! We appreciate your support!

Thank you to Krishna's, Isshana's, Prithvi's, Aanya's, Ethan's, and Kaivalya's moms for a delightful Diwali presentation!

Teachers' Wishlist: Thank you to Serena's family for the Zenegry chimes! If you choose to donate an item from the teachers' wish list please check with the teachers before you make a purchase so we avoid redundancy.

**Benevity, Corporate/Company Match, and Amazon Smile:** We thank all the families who have signed up with Benevity and their company donation match program, and with Amazon Smile to support Villa!

### **Reminders & Upcoming Events:**

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** Tuition Due

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** onward: Villa celebrates Holidays Around the World and special Family Holidays. If you are interested in sharing the cultural background of your family's holiday or a Holiday from your country of origin with us, please talk to your child's teachers. We will set up a time for your classroom presentation.

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>:** Movie Night is back! A children's movie will be played at New Life church auditorium, at the same place like the last time! All Villa family members are invited for a fun filled get together with the community! [Click here for more info.](#)

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup>: Winter Holiday Performance and Potluck!** Children are working hard and practicing singing songs about Family and Holidays! We invite you for a winter wonder performance on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at the church auditorium. All students, AM and PM programs, will arrive at 9 am. Exact performance time will be announced closer to date. Children shall dress up in seasonal attire. Teachers recommend Red/White dress for girls, Red/White tops with jeans for boys and dress shoes. All family members are invited for the event and we look forward to having a wonderful time!

**POTLUCK!** Traditionally, right after the performances, Villa families enjoy a potluck party at the last hour before we close for the Holidays! Each family will bring a dish to share with other families Potluck sign-up sheet will be sent out soon.

**Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jan 6<sup>th</sup>:** School will be closed for Winter Holidays.

**Happy New Year! Welcome 2019!**

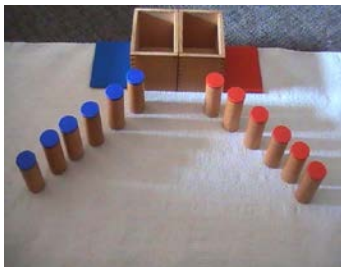
**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>:** **Tuition Due.**

**NOTE:** School is closed when Jan tuition will be due. Please turn in Jan tuition on Dec 21<sup>st</sup> or before we close for the Holidays to avoid the late fees. If you missed that opportunity, kindly mail the check before Jan 5<sup>th</sup> to: Villa Montessori School, P.O. Box 15. Cupertino CA 95015.

**Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Monday:** School resumes after winter break.

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9:00 – 12:00 pm: Villa Open House!** Please help spread the word to your colleagues, friends, and families! It is time to think about reenrolling your child for 2019-20 school year.

**Montessori Focus:**



#### Sound Cylinders

Sound cylinders are a Montessori material that isolates a single auditory sense: hearing. This activity also improves concentration, coordination, independence, and problem-solving skills.

Montessori cylinders come in two (red and blue) identical sets of six sealed, wooden cylinders that make a distinctive sound when shaken. The cylinders are graded from very soft to loud, and each one has either a red or a blue top. Correspondingly, each set is also contained in a wooden box with a matching red or blue lid.

Your child will learn:

- Auditory/sound discrimination by exploring one sense – the sense of hearing
- The sense of

order; placing each cylinder in order from softest and loudest, vice versa

- Matching the sounds, since sounds made by the cylinders are paired, i.e. the sound made by one cylinder in red set matches the sound made by its equivalent cylinder in the blue set.

The sound cylinders are an easy material to create yourself by using any small boxes, beans, rice, lentils etc.



#### December Curriculum

The children have been introduced to grace and courtesy as well as responsibility. A few of them are:

- Greeting their teachers and friends
- Taking care of their plants and the environment
- Using their indoor voice and quiet feet
- Respecting their friends and teachers

We will continue to work on these in the next months.

Our curriculum topic for this month will be the seasonal changes. We will explore different aspects of seasons through the subjects of art projects and language arts. Some of the things we will talk about are the colors of winter in California, the changes in weather, falling leaves and acorns, and more. Lastly, we will cover topics on various winter celebrations and practice holiday songs for the Christmas performance on December 21.

Special Season's Greetings to all Villa Families! Happy New Year! Happy Holidays! From all of us at Villa, we thank you and appreciate your support for a very successful first semester!