



Dear Villa Families!

Wish you all a wonderful 2019! We are so excited to see children returning back to Villa with a smiling face eager to meet their teachers and friends! Hope you had the same feeling returning to work! 😊

Congratulations to Harper's family! Harper is now a big sister to Andy and Alice! We are delighted to welcome the twins to Villa community!

Interested to offer classroom presentations? Villa invites parents to share a special skill, a talent, that is inclusive and offers a hands-on project for children and one that encourages diverse and global perspective learning experiences for our children! We will be very happy to accommodate you! Please talk to the director or the teachers for more details.

Starting this month, children will focus on reading, writing, math, and cultural studies using Montessori methods. Children will begin leveled books for reading, writing, and listening read aloud stories. We request you to read to your child every day. Teachers will begin working in both the classrooms from January rather than staying in one classroom designated as their own. It is an important step we are taking toward building progress for both staff and children's learning. Students and staff development will build consistency across classrooms and avails the best learning methods for all children at Villa. Few of our new teachers will be able to gain mentorship and training from veteran teachers who have carried forth the traditional Montessori methods at Villa in the past two decades! We request your support and understanding during this transition.

Important Dates and Reminders:

Jan 1st – Tuition due

Jan 14th Monday Yoga session begins. Every other Monday will be Yoga day at Villa.

Jan 15th Tuesday Cooking project – Waffles. Waiver form will come home soon.

Jan 18th **Return Interest Survey** form due. Please fill out asap for 2019-'20 school year. Thanks to the sixteen families who have already responded. Canary colored forms are available at school office. Second year of AM program will not be offered to returning families. Children over three years of age are requested to apply for PM and Full Day programs.

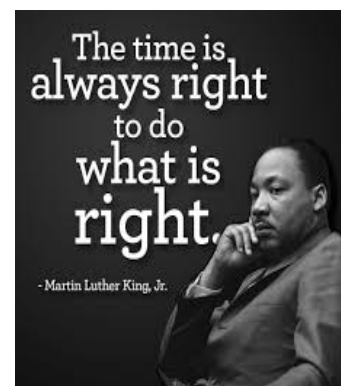
Jan 21st Monday MLK holiday observed. No school.

Jan 26th Saturday open house 9 am – noon. Kindly share the open house flier with friends and family.

Currently enrolled, graduates and the new families are all welcome to attend Villa's open house.

*** PLEASE LABEL all the items your child brings to school!** Sweaters, spare set of clothes, jackets, backpack, water bottle and the sharing items!

*** Friday Tote Notes:** When you receive Friday tote in your child's backpack, please read the note put inside by your child's teacher, share your comments or questions at the back of the note and return to school the following school day! The tote and the note must be placed in the box at the front door during drop off.



*Parents who requested again for the teacher's wish list, here is the link. [Villa Teachers' classroom material wish list](#). Thank you for your support!

*Speed limit in the parking lot/driving through the parking lot is not more than 5mph. Please do not speed in the church campus driveway to and from school. Slow down.

*Check your child's shoe box with spare set of clothes at school and change to suit the weather conditions.

* On rainy days, parents and child enter and exit through front door but reverse their entry and exit through back door.

*Keep children at home if they show signs of consistent cough, incessant nasal discharge, fever, diarrhea, and/or vomiting.

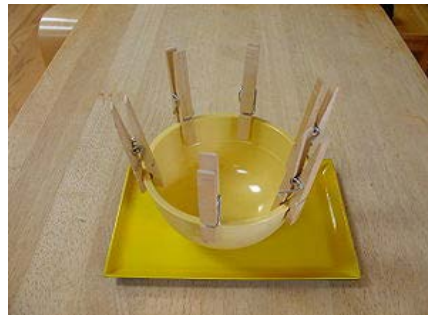
* Once again, **PLEASE LABEL all the items sent to school!** Sweaters, spare set of clothes, jackets, backpack, water bottle and the sharing items!

January Curriculum Focus:

- Reviewing Ground Rules
- Reviewing Grace and Courtesy
- Continue Plant care, Self-care, caring for the environment
- Introduction to Land, Water and Air with Sandpaper Globe
- Introduction to Continents with Color Globe
- Introduction to Hemispheres and Flat Map
- Study of Continents - Asia
- Celebrating Chinese New Year.

Practical Life Job

Clipping Clothespins to the bowl using three fingers - fine motor skill



This activity teaches children how to use clothespins. It helps them to develop pincer grasp or three fingers grasp, increases small muscles development and fine motor skills to begin writing. An extension to the above activity where children can learn about pattern can be easily practiced at home.

Once again, Team Villa gratefully acknowledges all the families for your kind holiday gestures and appreciation! We are successful in our efforts to provide the very best learning environment at Villa because of the partnership we share with our families!

Best wishes for a wonderful New Year! ~ Team Villa

