



## School Calendar

- Jan 3 Welcome back to school!  
Tuition payment due
- Jan 6 Sharing Day
- Jan 10 Board of Directors Mtg. 7:30 PM
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday -  
School Closed in Observance
- Jan 21 Open House 10AM-1PM
- Jan 27 Staff Learning Day – School Closed



## Open House

Villa will host its first open house in our new facility on Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 10 AM – 1PM. It is a great time for new parents to see our campus, visit our classrooms and meet our staff.

We invite you to join us to speak with prospective parents. Please spread the word of this event by sharing it through Facebook, posting the attached flyer in your company's breakroom (if permitted), and sharing with friends and neighbors online and in person.

We grow our school mainly through word of mouth references. Please help us to continue serving the community to provide a top-rated Montessori education and creating a loving and peaceful environment for our young friends.

## Summer School 2017

Now that we are settled into our new facility, Villa will resume its 6 week summer school program from June 19, 2017 through July 28, 2017. We will have Art, Cooking Projects, Language & Math and Spanish. More details will be provided at a later date.

## Fall 2017

We are currently making admission plans for our 2017 fall classes. In February, we will send a questionnaire via email for all parents to complete regarding their child(ren)'s plans for the fall. We ask that you complete the questionnaire for your child even if your child does not plan on returning to Villa.



Siblings have enrollment priority. Please complete a registration form soon to enroll your younger child for the fall or the future. If we do not have an application for a younger sibling(s), we cannot guarantee a space for your child.



Thank you to the parents who helped us make class materials, cleaned the playground, assisted with the holiday party set up and clean up, and helped support the school.

Thank you to the parents who provided lunches and treats for the staff, we thank you for the delicious food and your thoughtfulness.

Thank you to the Villa families for your collective holiday gift for the Villa staff. We appreciate your generosity.



## TEACHER'S CORNER

Welcome back from holiday break! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday season and your 2017 will be full of prosperity, health and joy.

In the new semester, we encourage children to explore science. Through different levels of science projects, we invite children to engage in the exploration process, raise questions, and use observation.

We are looking for parents who can help make science projects for our Science Fair in March, 2017. We need your knowledge and creativity as well. If you have any science fair project ideas for preschoolers and kindergartners, please contact Mrs. Leung.

\*\*\*Hours you contribute for the science fair will count towards your parent participation hours.

### Room 1 – AM Class

Here we are in the first month of 2017. We hope you all had a nice winter break. To start off, the children will review some of the classroom ground rules. We will work on developing their skills in coordination, concentration, order and independence. The children will continue to work on different Montessori materials with a teacher, with a friend, and individually.

### Room 1- PM Class

We are excited to see our students after the break. During the beginning of January, the PM children in Room 1 will continue to finish the curriculum on people in our community. And then we will move on to talk about different types of transportation on land, water, and air. This topic has a close tie to their daily lives. The children will learn through Montessori materials and hands-on activities.

### Room 2

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope everybody had a fun and happy holiday season. In the month of January, we will continue working on developing their skills in coordination, concentration, order and independence. We will review the ground rules with them during the first week of January. We will then transition to geography lessons which include, Land/Air/Water, Landforms: Island and Lake, and introduce Continent Globe.

### Considerations for Next Fall

During this time of the year, you may be making plans for your child, not only for the summer



but also the next school year. The majority of the children currently in the morning program, most of them, will be moving to the afternoon

program. Several factors are considered when determining whether or not a child is moved. The following factors are considered:

- Developmental readiness
- Teachers' overall assessments and recommendations
- Limited space

You will be notified during the May conference whether your child will be placed either in the morning or afternoon program.

If your child enters kindergarten in the fall, please be aware that Villa has a kindergarten component within our programs. Half day or full day kindergarten options are available. We follow the Montessori pedagogy and use the Montessori materials at an advanced level. Your child will continue to pursue and reinforce the love of learning. Students will be able to continue taking advantage of the manipulatives found throughout the Montessori environment, especially in the math area, to teach the how and why of a concept.

At Villa we will continue to follow your child's development and together with the developmentally appropriate materials, your child will be ready for the first grade.

If you decide to send your child to public school kindergarten, please check your local unified school district website for more information.