

Dear Villa Families:

Hope your Thanksgiving was filled with fun! We were glad to see you at the parent teacher conferences to learn about the progress of your child at school. Student report cards will be emailed to you soon. Children are eagerly practicing for the winter holiday performance which will be held on December 20th Friday! Teachers recommend that girls may wear red dress with white tights or bottom or red tops and white bottom, and boys wear white tops with blue or black pants on performance day. Please note the dress code is optional and placed only as a recommendation.

Villa is glad to once again partner with West Valley Community Services, a local non-profit organization, to offer Food/Donation Drive and support the families in need within our community. Please feel free to donate non-perishable foods, new toys, or supplies for children and infants during this holiday season. Food/Donation drop off box will be at school starting from December 2nd through December 20th. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1st Tuition Due

December 2nd – 20th FOOD DRIVE at Villa

December 20th Winter Holiday Performance and Family Potluck.

NOTE: Performance will begin at 10:00 am. Full day, AM, and PM program students will arrive to school at 9:00 am. Family Potluck: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. AM and PM program student dismissal will be at noon. Full Day program will resume regular schedule from 1:00 pm. No changes will be made to the afterschool program on this day.

Villa warmly invites you to attend our annual Winter Holiday Performance and Potluck event! A signup sheet will be emailed to you for bringing a holiday dish to share with all other families. It is a cordial social gathering for the families before we begin Seasonal Celebrations and the Holidays! We will see you soon! 😊



December 23rd – January 3rd Winter Break. No School.

January 1st 2020 Villa wishes the families a very Happy New Year!

January 6th School resumes

January 20th Martin Luther King Jr Holiday. No School.

January 25th Open House. Kindly help us spread the word to your family, friends in the community, and at work to visit the Open House on Saturday from 9 am - 12 pm. Thank you!

Save the date: February 6th School Portrait Day

Tissue Paper Rolls: If you have used TP rolls (only the cardboard roll) to donate please drop them off at the office for classroom projects. Thank you!

Friday Reports Update: Teachers shared a preview of Montessori Compass with you during parents teachers conferences. As they noted to you earlier, no more hard copies of Friday reports will be in the tote bag. They will use Montessori Compass to send the reports digitally and the tote bag will be used to send home children's work. Teachers will send you a detailed email with more information.

Thank You Corner!

Special thanks to Kasumi's family for donating Moveable Alphabet box to the classrooms in honor of her birthday! We thank Cheryl, Avery, Henri, Stella, and Kasumi families for offering treats and lunches to the staff.

Montessori Focus: Using Tweezer to remove kernels from the cob.

This activity is in the practical life area in which the child engages in tweezing the kernels one at a time and places it in a bowl. The child does an open and close action using the thumb, index and middle finger with their dominant hand. Watching the open and close of the tweezers in silence is a point of interest for the child.



The practice of using tweezers is a phenomenal way to develop fine motor skills and to work on the 3 finger grip. In addition, transferring from left to right prepares the brain for reading and writing later in development. This activity helps improve order, coordination, concentration and independence of the child.

Variations: Transfer of various objects from one bowl to another from left to right and right to left using tweezers.

Update on Montessori lessons posted in the newsletter: Montessori Compass is a very good resource for parents and teachers. You may begin to read and learn about Montessori methods and lessons directly from Montessori Compass. Since it is accessible to all parents anytime we will not post a separate Montessori lesson in the newsletter each month starting from January 2020. Thank you!

Season's Greetings and a very Happy New Year Wishes from Team Villa!

We will see you on December 20th for an exciting Winter Performance and Potluck meet!

