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# MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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## SHORT & SWEET!

November 25-27 - Thanksgiving holiday. School will be closed.

November 24 - Coat & Food Drive last day! Please bring your donations in before Thanksgiving break. Thanks to all!

Teacher Line - 303 449 4445 use this (not the office line) for all things teachers need to know.

## OUR SECOND MONTH

October brought heavy snow and masses of broken tree limbs all over town, including our playground. The Conscience Bay Company (dirt lot owners) were so gracious; they recruited Berkelhammer Tree Experts to take care of the honey locust branches that my son Drew couldn't reach. The arborist ascended the tree like a gymnast on a rope and performed what looked like tree-ballet as he brought down the highest broken branches. Susan and Linda's



class watched the whole show from their east windows. Then they made a giant thank-you card that we carried through the snowy lot to post on the arborists' fence.

Back at school we couldn't pass up the chance to make a snowman in the backyard. The snow was perfect for packing!

## THANKSGIVING FEAST

This year our students will still prepare a Thanksgiving Feast but, unlike years past, we'll celebrate in our own pods, not with the other class. The children will make pumpkin bread, kale chips and other cooked goodies (read oven-sterilized!) for their feast on Tues. Nov 24. It's a light Feast so they should bring their lunches!

## FOR ANY ABSENCE: EMAIL THE OFFICE AND CALL THE TEACHER LINE 303.449.4445

Even if it's not that your child or someone in your household has any Covid symptoms, we'd still like to know if your child is absent for any reason. Thank you.

## NOVEMBER IS THANKFULNESS MONTH

Thanksgiving is a great time to really dig into what it means to be thankful/grateful. The children in both classes have been busy writing notes, making cards and, during their silence at circle time, thinking about what they are grateful for. Thus far they've thanked the firefighters who are trying to get our forest fires under control, the arborists who trimmed our trees, the florist at King Soopers who gives us flowers every Sunday so the children can make flower arrangements to beautify their classrooms and Susan H for getting the flowers and bringing them to school on her bicycle! (Yes, you read that right!)

## REMIND

Please remember to sign up for REMIND before we come upon a snow day or covid closure. If you need help or need the invitation again, let me know.

## MASKS

We see a lot of cold and soggy masks as we head into winter weather and are wearing masks outside now, as well. Every child should have a back-up mask (or two) at school; they only need one lanyard.

## SNOW GEAR

Please anticipate the weather and send cold-weather clothing with your child if it looks like it might get colder or snow as the day goes on. In Colorado, one might waltz out of the house at 8:30 in a light sweater and jeggings and need snow pants, mittens & boots by 3:00! This year, because we have so few children, we have plenty of room in the entry so if you'd like to keep an extra pair of snow pants, mittens, etc. here at school, that would be okay. Please be sure to label everything and let your child know how and where things are labeled so they can find them!