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MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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SHORT & SWEET!

January: Re-enrollment goes out to our current students

Feb 19: Presidents' Day - MMS closed

Feb 20: We start enrolling new students for the fall

March: Summer info goes out to current students around spring break. Two weeks later it goes to new families.

RE-ENROLLMENT & SUMMER UPDATES

January is the month we enroll current students for the upcoming school year. I'll send out a Schedule Request form this week; the form needs to be completed and returned along with the \$75 Re-enrollment fee and the first installment in order to save a space for your child. After Presidents' Day we'll start accepting new students so be sure to get your re-enrollment back before that! Once fall enrollment is done we'll send out the summer camp information: five 2-week camps from June 3-Aug 9. MMS is closed Aug 12-23 for Maintenance Week and Teacher Work Week and then we'll start up again Aug 26.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day will soon be upon us and we'll be ready with hot chocolate and special treats made by the children! When you pick up your child on Valentine's Day be sure to bring your own mug - then hang out and enjoy an afternoon snack with us. We'll be hosting the Valentine Social during the afternoon pick-up from 3:00 to 3:30.

Another Valentine tradition is our Heart-Art project where we give each child a paper heart to be decorated at home; it can even be a family project - go nuts! The hearts, with all their embellishments, come back to the classroom where we hang them as beautiful Valentine decorations for all to enjoy.

UPK

Well, Valentine's Day is not the only thing that will soon be upon us - UPK enrollment is just around the corner! I went on the Provider Portal today to start our 2024-25 re-enrollment into the program as a UPK provider school. And I think, but am not 100% certain, that the Parent Portal is now open allowing you to fill out an application for your pre-K child (child must be 4 by Sept 30.) Be sure to indicate that your child is already attending MMS so that she/he will be matched with MMS going forward.

THANKS!

So many of you brought us special treats during the lead-up to the holidays and we want to thank each and every one of you. We were touched by your generosity. You are amazing!

CLASS NEWS

Angelarose's Class: Hi Everyone! Wishing you all a great start to the New Year. As we are getting back into the swing of things, we are building on all our good work that we accomplished in the fall. The children are particularly interested in our object boxes which hold little objects to play sound games, the magnetic exploring and our new unit on the polar regions of Antarctica and the Arctic along with winter in Colorado. What animals do you see around your neighborhood in the winter? What are some of your favorite winter stories and activities to do in the winter? Children are welcome to share on the topic of winter. I hope we will get a little more snow, so continue to send warm winter gear. Lastly, thanks to all of you for helping with our laundry - team work makes the dream work! We have a few laundry slots left so I'll email the link to you for the laundry sign-up. We appreciate your help!

Linda's Class: Linda's class will study India. Thank you to Greg and his family for bringing back treasures for our classroom from their recent trip to India. As always, let us know if you have anything Indian you'd like to share!



On Lolly's first day, Eloise, one of our older mentors, shows her how to use a tool at the easel. Lolly watches, then tries it (yay for mixed-ages!) And, a new lesson in Angelarose's class allows children to take care of their wet mittens by hanging them over the heater vent to dry. "Real work" like this fosters independence and allows children to feel mastery over their environment.