



KIVA KIDS

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Kiva's Week at a Glance Five Day Week for Students

From the Desk of Ms. Susan

It is hard to believe we only have a week and a half until Winter Break. There is still much to do. Your students are finishing up their STAR testing this week, and we will begin our analysis on how they are performing, and where we as their educators can assist them.

The Winter Program is this week, and looks to be a fun and creative evening. I am very much looking forward to seeing the end result.

Kiva Cocoa orders are due this week. They should make nice gifts for family to try.

As always if you have questions or suggestions please feel free to call me on my cell at (970) 759-5869 or email me at susan.likes@kivacharter.org.

Winter Program

The Winter Program will be held, December 14th at 6:00pm in the Auditorium at the Montezuma Cortez High School. We hope to see you there.

Kiva Cafe' Cocoa Orders

Monday, December 11th -
Destination Imagination 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Beech Campus
Children's House Board Meeting - 5:30pm - Empire Campus

Tuesday, December 12th -
Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45am
Set Building Night - 3:00 - 6:00pm - Beech Campus
PTO Meeting - 5:30pm - Trinity Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 13th
Early Release - 1:15pm

Thursday, December 14th -
Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45am
Winter Program - MCHS - 6:00pm

Friday, December 15th
Kiva Cafe' - 7:30 - 7:45am

The Kiva Café is now taking pre-orders for cocoa mix. If you would like to purchase some Kiva Cocoa to take home over Winter Break you can make a pre-order anytime between now and Friday, December 15th We will make up a bag with the amount of mix you requested and directions on preparing your own cocoa. These bags will be delivered at the end of the school day on Wednesday, December 20th.

Middle School Project

On December 20th, the middle school will be building a set of eight stools for our classroom. We are in need of some help in order to make this project work. We will need some tools in order to make shaping the wood possible (drills, saw, sander). We will also need some volunteers to help supervise using those tools to ensure safety. If you can help in any way please contact Mr. John at john.whitehead@kivacharter.org.

A Peek Forward - Save these important Dates

- December 11th - Children's House Board Meeting - 5:00 - Empire Campus
- December 12th - PTO Meeting - 5:30pm - Trinity Lutheran Church
- December 14th - Winter Program - 6:00pm - MCHS Auditorium
- December 18th - CKMS Board Meeting - 5:30pm - Beech Campus
- December 21st - January 5th - Winter Break

A Note from your PTO

"First, the PTO would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, staff, teachers, and community members for participating in the 1st Annual PTO Silent Art Auction held in conjunction with Stone Soup on 11/16. It was wonderful to see all the creativity, and the students were very proud to show off their hard work and beautiful art pieces. The event couldn't have been so successful without all of you! We raised \$463 that will be invested back into the school for art supplies and other needs.

Second, we are glad everyone had a wonderful time participating in the Parade Of Lights this past weekend! It took a large team of parents, staff, and PTO to pull it all together and our float came out great. It was loads of fun for adults and children alike! The most important part is that we were able to represent the Children's Kiva Montessori School in front of the entire community. Thank

Montessori education begins with what children can see and touch before abstract concepts and ideas are introduced; this creates a strong, solid foundation from which children can set their imaginations afloat. Montessorians maintain that while young children master their environments, they develop intelligence, a sense of self, and their unique personality, which in turn helps establish the natural ability of creative thinking.

In most Montessori classrooms you are not likely to find dress up or fantasy areas, but this does not mean creativity is lacking. Creativity is often misunderstood if it is not art, music or drama related.

Yet, creativity flourishes in Montessori classes due to the open-ended nature of many of the materials and inquiry activities children are involved with. Children are encouraged to ask questions, think for themselves, explore, investigate, and discover. The ultimate objective of Montessori guides is to help their students learn independently and strengthen the curiosity, creativity and intelligence they possess innately. Montessori classrooms foster self-directed, spontaneous activity which require a level of order, concentration, independence and competence, resulting in the capacity for divergent thinking, problem solving and innovation.

Maria Montessori said, "The sensory education which prepares for the accurate perception of all the differential details in the qualities of things, is therefore the foundation of the observation of things... it helps us to collect from the external world the material for the imagination."

The Importance of Breakfast

Did you know? Kiddos who eat breakfast do better in school, are more likely to participate in physical activities, and tend to eat healthier overall. So tomorrow morning, don't run out the door on an empty stomach. Fuel up with a healthy breakfast!

you all so very much for your participation and we hope to see you again next year! (Don't forget our next PTO meeting is coming up on Tuesday, December 12th at 5:30pm at Trinity Lutheran.)

Sincerely, PTO"