



KIVA KIDS

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Children's Kiva Montessori Week At A Glance 4 day week

From the Desk of Ms. Susan

What an interesting week it was with the weather related delays and cancellations. I do hope all of you have been able to finally dig out. I know at our house it took a few days to get it all cleaned up. However, I love the winter weather, because it means we will have water in the summer.

This week will begin our Anti-Bullying Campaign with the students. The following week we are bringing Mindfulness back into the classrooms during afternoon specials. We will rotate between Mindfulness and Anti-Bullying each week for the remainder of the school year.

If you have an opportunity, this month's Tomorrow's Child from the International Montessori Council has a couple of fantastic articles, Building Generational Kindness, and 10 tenets of Montessori Philosophy. I would love to share my copy with you if you are interested.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call my cell phone at (970) 759-5869 or stop by the school.

Monday, January 30th --

** CKMS Board Meeting - 6:30pm - Beech campus
 Re-scheduled from last week due to weather

Tuesday, January 31st --

** Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45
 ** Lower El Trip to the City Market Product Section

Wednesday, February 1st --

** Wednesday Clubs - Dance and Advanced Robotics

Thursday, February 2nd --

** Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45

Friday, February 3rd --

** No School - Teacher Work Day

School Wide Expectations

At the beginning of the semester we began a review of our school wide expectations with our students. Hopefully, you have heard about some, or all of them. We are sharing our expectations of our students with you, so that you can review them with your child, and if you have questions we can answer them for you. Each week we will share a few areas and their expectations. If you have any questions, or concerns please do not hesitate to ask. We welcome your suggestions and concerns.

Intent to Re-Enroll

The Intent to Re-Enroll forms have been sent out via email. This will serve as a confirmation of your child's spot at our school for the 2017-2018 school year. This form must be responded to by February 3, 2017.

If you have questions or need assistance getting the form filled out, please feel free to contact Ms. Susan at (970) 564-9377.

Montessori Principles of Education

Each winter I like to review the Montessori Principles of Education that Lillard pointed out in her book "The Science Behind the Genius". This time of year seems to be a good time for reflection and self-awareness for me.

Perhaps it is the cold days, and long nights while looking forward to the rejuvenation of Spring. Whatever the reason, I wanted to review them with you, and each week I will dive into what one of them means to me, how I perceive the principle should work in practice. For those that are new to the Montessori principle this will be new information, for those that are seasoned Montessori parents, it is just a review. Thank you for your time as I take you through this journey. Ms. Susan

- Movement and Cognition are closely intertwined
- Learning and well-being are improved when people have a sense of control over their environment
- People learn better when they are interested in what they are learning about
- Extrinsic rewards have a negative impact on motivation to engage
- Collaborative arrangements are very conducive to learning
- Learning situated in meaningful context is often deeper and richer
- Particular forms of adult interaction are associated with more optimal child outcomes
- Order in the environment is beneficial to children

Parking Areas

Please be respectful of our business and residential neighbors when picking up and dropping off your children. Please do not block driveways, or park on Beech Street or North Street at any time. Use the parking spaces that are marked as Kiva Visitor parking. Thank you for your assistance.

Morning Circle

Hands Up - Quiet, listening to the speaker
No Side Conversations
Celebrations and Accomplishments
Peace Offering
Pledge

Crossing the sidewalk

Stop at the edge of the street
Look both directions
Wait for an adult to say it is safe
Walking peacefully through the crosswalk - looking ahead at where you are going
No Running, Skipping, Jumping or Pushing

Cold Weather Clothing

Please send your child with appropriate clothing for these very cold temperatures. Snow pants, a heavy coat, gloves and a hat will be necessary for a bit until these super cold temperatures move on to other climates. Please help us keep your children warm while we try to get out to enjoy the fresh air when we can.

Parent Survey

Our School Accountability Committee sent out their Parent Survey this past week. Please be sure to look in your inbox for this important survey. The committee uses the information gathered to improve the educational opportunities for our students. Thank you for your time in completing it.