



KIVA KIDS

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From the Desk of Ms. Susan

I hope this finds you rested and relaxed, ready to come back to school and/or week for three weeks before the Winter Break. I enjoyed some much needed downtime as well.

The furnace in 18 N Beech has been repaired. Comfort Air has been wonderful in their speed and concern for our school.

The school will be collecting non-perishable items to donate to the Bridge Shelter between now and the Winter Break. If you would like to assist, please send your child with items and give them to the front office. Thank you for your kindness.

This week our winter testing cycle begins for the STAR assessment. Classes will be rotating through the computer lab each day. We try to make this time the least disruptive and stressful for our students as possible.

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

Children's Kiva Montessori Week At A Glance Five Day Week

Monday, November 28th --

Tuesday, November 29th--

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

Wednesday, November 30th --

Wednesday Clubs: Robotics and Homeade Gift Club

Thursday, December 1st --

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

** Stone Soup at the County Annex

Friday, December 2nd --

Stone Soup Annual Event

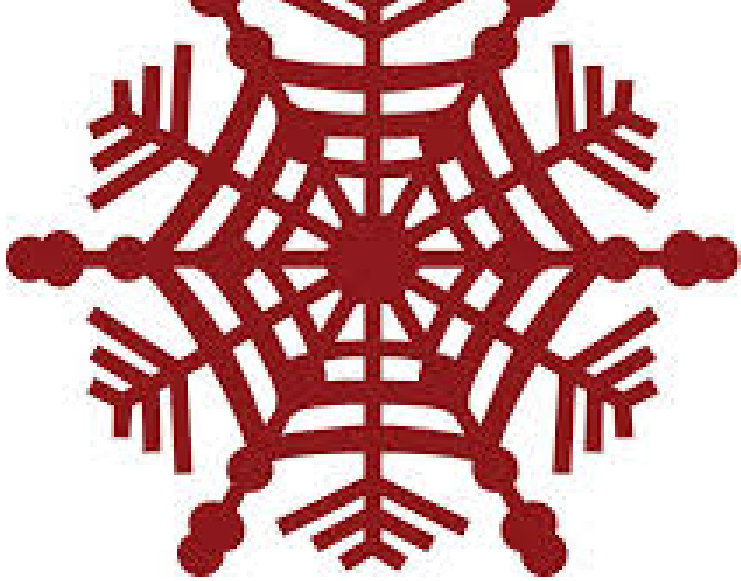
Stone Soup & food drive, an annual event

Families, please join us for Stone Soup on Thursday, December 1st. Parent volunteer assistance with chopping and soup preparation is always welcomed and appreciated! Stone Soup will take place at the

County Annex this year.

What is "STONE SOUP"? There are many different interpretations of the folk tale "Stone Soup". We read a version written by Jon J Moth. In this story 3 monks are traveling the countryside when they happen upon a village that has suffered from famine, war, and floods. The villagers are very wary of the strangers. A curious little girl approaches the monks and the story begins. In the end, the villagers and the monks enjoy a glorious feast





together that they create when the villagers slowly emerge from their homes with one or two items to contribute to the pot. After every family adds just one item there is eventually a huge pot of food for all to share. As the monks leave, the villagers thank them and tell them "with the gifts you have given, we will always have plenty. You have shown us that sharing makes us all richer." This story is wonderful reminder of the true meaning of the holiday season and the idea of giving. We have many conversations around giving, generosity and sharing; how it makes us feel, how it makes others feel, and what it brings into our lives. We will be asking the children to bring in an item, (i.e.: a few carrots, bag of pea pods, a couple of potatoes, garlic, bouillon, meat etc.), for our soup. It's always an adventure to see what is created, and it's always a yummy lesson in community and the spirit of trust and cooperation. We do not organize what is brought in, we may end up with a brothy potato soup, or a hearty vegetable stew! PLEASE Come join us to celebrate this special event!

The Kiva Cafe'

What a wonderful success and learning experience this micro-economy has been for our Middle School students. It has been so successful that they have added a few new items.

Marshmallows for \$.25/cup
Kind Bars for \$1.00 each

Thank you for your wonderful support of our children as they learn the internal workings of a small business.