



KIVA KIDS

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From the Desk of Ms. Susan

Here it is November, and the time is just slipping away. It's amazing how fast it goes. We have another busy week on schedule. Especially Pajama Day. We will be sending further information home on Monday.

Parent Teacher Conferences are going on this week. If you haven't set an appointment with your student's teacher, I recommend that you do so. This is an important time to check in on your child's progress and goals for the remainder of the school year.

It's Book Fair week as well. It is always a great deal of fun, to watch the students become excited by the amazing selection of books.

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.

Read-A-Thon - Pajama Day

This Wednesday, November 8th will be the kick off of our November service project. It will begin with a Read-A-Thon, and Pajama Day, and will end on Wednesday, November 29th. The school will be adopting Heifer International. This program sponsors families in lower socio-economic areas of the world, and support them by providing milk cows and other means of supporting their families. Our students will be using the Read-A-Thon's to assist in this project. More information will be sent home on Monday of this week.

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

Monday, November 6th - SAC Committee Meeting - 4:00pm - Beech Campus

Finance Committee Meeting- 5:30pm - Beech Campus

**Tuesday, November 7th - Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45 - Beech Campus
Election Day**

Wednesday, November 8th - Early Release - 1:15PM

**Thursday, November 9th - Kiva Cafe' 7:30 - 7:45 - Beech Campus
5:30 - CH and CKMS BOD "Friendraising" Training - Home of Kathy Clark
7:30 - CKMS Special Board Meeting - 18 N Beech**

Friday, November 10th - No School for Students - Teacher Workday

Wild West Book Fair!

A Peek Forward - Save these important Dates

November 6th, School Accountability Committee - 4pm - Beech Campus
November 6th, Finance Committee - 5:30pm - Beech Campus
November 6th to November 9th - Parent Teacher Conferences
November 6th to November 9th - Wild West Book Fair
November 9th - 7:30 - CKMS Special Board Meeting
November 10th, No School - Teacher Workday
November 14th, PTO Meeting - 5:30pm - Trinity Lutheran Church
November 16th, Stone Soup - 5:30pm - Montezuma County Annex Building
November 20th to November 24th - Fall Break
December 1st - 10am - Fundraising Committee Meeting
December 2nd - 9am to 12 noon - Substitute Orientation
December 5th - Montessori Philosophy Night focusing on the Upper Elementary Classroom - 6:00pm - Beech Campus
December 14th - Winter Program - 6:00pm - MCHS Auditorium
December 21st - January 5th - Winter Break

Staffing Changes

It is with deep regret that we announce two staffing changes within Children's Kiva Montessori School team. Ms. Amanda will be leaving us this Friday, November 10th. Mr. Joel left us this past Friday, November 3rd. We will miss them well in their new adventures. We will be searching immediately to replace them, however they have large shoes to fill and they will be missed.

Montessori Tidbit

Montessori classrooms have at their foundation the ideas of liberty and discipline. Liberty is also referred to as freedom, which is the ability for children to make certain choices about their work. This liberty goes hand in hand with responsibility and can be hard for some children to handle initially. A child has the ability to choose from many available works, focus and concentrate on the work and learn from it. However, children also have the responsibility to not infringe on another child's liberty to choose, focus and learn.

When children do infringe on others' liberty, it is a teacher's duty to assist the child in addressing their behavior. This often begins with a question about how the child is impacting others in the environment, allowing the child to reflect on consequences of their behavior. Some children are concerned with the impact they have on the class community and are able to monitor and change their behavior with just an occasional reminder. Other children have not yet developed self control and are not ready to be self aware. The teacher needs to aid these children in creating more focused and directed consequences which are natural, logical and consistent. In this way, the self discipline that children develop over time is complemented by external discipline that ensures the environment can be conducive for all children. Maria Montessori said, "It is clear therefore that the discipline which reveals itself in the Montessori class is something

which comes more from within than without. But this self-discipline has not come into existence in a day, or a week, or even a month. It is the result of a long inner growth, an achievement won through months of training." (The Absorbent Mind).

Saddle Up!

The Scholastic Book Fair is **this week** only and there's something for everyone! Adventure, sci-fi, best-selling and even "laugh-out-loud" stories. Find one book; find 10! Shop early and often as the fair ends on Thursday, November 9th.

Lunch with a Loved One is also this week. Each child is encouraged to invite a loved one to lunch. Adults, please bring a sack lunch. After lunch, you'll tour the Book Fair. Ms. Cassy's Class - Monday at 11:30; Ms. RayLynne's Class - Tuesday at 11:30; Ms. Paula's Class - Wednesday at noon and Mr. John's class - Thursday at noon.

Book fair hours are:

Mon. 12:00 - 1:00 & 2:45 - 7:00

Tues. 7:15 - 7:45 & 12:00 - 1:00 & 2:45 - 6:30

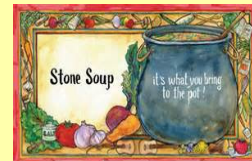
Wed. 12:00 - 4:00

Thurs. 7:15 - 7:45 & 12:00 - 1:00 & 2:45 - 7:00 (final day)

Volunteers are still needed at lunch time (12:00 - 1:00) on Tuesday and Wednesday. Text Angie at 802-558-3453 if you can help.

Stone Soup

Stone Soup is an annual gathering between the Children's House and Children's Kiva Montessori School. We join together to celebrate the story of Stone Soup, honor the beginnings of the Season of Giving, and enjoy each other's company. This year the Elementary/Middle School will presenting their Gallery Night. The PTO will be conducting a Silent Auction of students art work. Please join us November 16th at 5:30pm at the Montezuma County Annex Building.



The Importance of Math

Until a child sees the value of math, they will not engage with this learning.

Math is used in all areas of our lives so it is important for students to know that math is not something they just do at school.

Have students count objects as they help around the house, number steps in a recipe, identify which things are bigger, taller, heavier etc.

Older students can keep a personal budget, help with making change, do measuring when ordering tile, paint, etc. A tape measure makes a great present for children!

Any time you encourage your child to use math in a real life setting you are building their math skills.