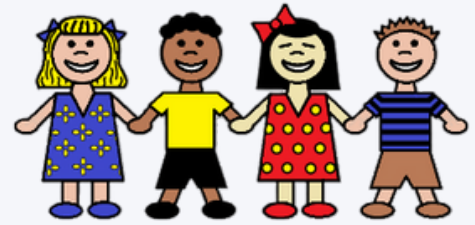


NOVEMBER 2024

# MONTESSORI SCHOOLS of Central Texas



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## IMPORTANT DATES

11/3	Daylight Saving Time Ends Set Clocks Back
11/8	Elementary Service Project Kickoff
11/11	Veteran's Day School Closed
11/22	Thanksgiving Luncheon Early Dismissal
11/25-29	Thanksgiving Break School Closed

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This month we are mindful of our many blessings. It is a time to pause and reflect, so that we can appreciate all the goodness this year has brought us. In celebration of this, we look forward to our annual Thanksgiving luncheon where we dine as a school family on November 22nd. For this special event we ask each student to bring a dish and we invite your family to join us! Sign-ups will be posted in each classroom as we near the event.

Mrs. Jennifer Watson



"Travel stories teach geography; insect stories lead the child into natural science...The teacher, in short, can use reading to introduce her pupils to the most varied subjects; and the moment they have been thus started, they can go on to any limit guided by the single passion for reading."

--Maria Montessori

13 Now, our God,  
*We Give You Thanks*  
 and praise your glorious name.  
 1 Chronicles 29:13



## INFANT 1

During the month of November, we will continue to work on tummy time for our youngest babies and walking exercises for our oldest. It is so rewarding to help your child meet their milestones; it keeps our hearts full!

For English, Spanish and ASL vocabulary, we will be focusing on saying "please" and "thank you" and will continue with the colors of fall and the shape and feel of pumpkins and gourds.

Our Bible lesson this month is about being a helper at home the way Jesus helped his parents. Our song from this lesson will be the Clean-up Song.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are mindful of our blessings and will begin talking about gratitude. Our lives are filled with hugs and smiles every day from your sweet babies, and for that we are grateful!

### Clean Up Song:

Clean up, Clean up,  
 Everybody get some toys;  
 Clean up, clean up,  
 All the little girls and boys.  
 Clean up, clean up,  
 Everybody do your share;  
 Clean up, clean up,  
 Everybody, everywhere.

-- Mrs. Terri Wallace

## TODDLER

November will be filled with many seasonal activities in the toddler class. We'll learn about Thanksgiving, dressing for cooler weather, and tending to a fall garden.

Here are some of the other things we'll be doing:

- GROUP LESSONS** Songs; weather; Thanksgiving; Life cycle of turkeys; Native Americans and Pilgrims; corn
- PRACTICAL LIFE** Putting on shoes and coats; hand washing; watering plants; restoring area after lunch
- MOTOR SKILLS** Outdoor play; tending to fall garden; nature walks; sweeping and raking leaves; shucking corn
- LANGUAGE** Singing; Spanish: Accion de gracias (Thanksgiving), pavo (turkey); maiz (corn); gracias (gratitude); parts of a turkey
- BIBLE** Songs: "He's got the Whole World in His Hands" and "Jesus Loves Me;" Story of David and Goliath Verse: 1 Samuel 17:47 "The battle belongs to the Lord"
- ART** Thanksgiving crafts; David and Goliath art

As the temperatures drop, please remember to send a jacket or zip up sweatshirt with your child. Also, please update their extra clothes supply with warmer clothes for the season.

-- Mrs. Tammy Clausen



## INFANT 2



During the month of November, our class will talk a lot about thankfulness and the first Thanksgiving. We will be learning about the different foods that were brought by the Native Americans and the Pilgrims, and we'll be making cornbread!

Here's a look at our lesson plan for this month:

- GROUP LESSONS** Native Americans; Pilgrims; turkey life cycle and environment; thankfulness
- PRACTICAL LIFE** Toilet awareness: using the toilet; dressing and undressing. Watering plants; restoring work; grooming; Cooking: cornbread
- COGNITIVE MANIPULATIVE** Feather matching (color); spooning cranberries; water transfer with sponges; paper tearing
- LANGUAGE** Stories: *My First Thanksgiving*; *My Thanksgiving Blessings*; Spanish: Zoo animals and fall vocabulary
- BIBLE** Verse: Psalm 118:1, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever."
- SENSORY** Corn shucking; turkey sensory bag; kinetic sand turkeys; Thanksgiving crafts

This month we will also focus on toilet awareness. The children will not only be learning how to listen to their bodies and practice using the toilet, but also how to dress and undress themselves. You can support this independence at home by inviting your child to help in the process of choosing their clothes and getting dressed.

-- Mrs. LaDonna Ronelus

## PRIMARY

This month we are mindful of our many blessings, and we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving as a school family!

Take a look at what else we have planned:

**GROUP LESSONS** South America; Layers of the earth; Volcanoes; Veteran's Day; Rock classification; Thanksgiving

**SPANISH** Classroom supplies part 2

**GRACE AND COURTESY** How to speak politely with friends

**ETIQUETTE** Place setting and table manners

**PRACTICAL LIFE** Table setting; Napkin folding; Thanksgiving craft

**CULTURE** Parts of a volcano; Thanksgiving story; Layers of the earth; Cooking: South American recipe

**BIBLE** Psalm 23: The Good Shepherd

As a reminder, the children spend more time on the playground and dining outdoors when the weather is cooler. Please remember to send them with warm layers including jackets, hats, and mittens when necessary.

Mrs. Carmen Alvarado  
and  
Ms. Gwen Copeland

## ELEMENTARY

With the holidays nearing, students will spend time learning about the first Thanksgiving and completing themed arts and crafts.

Here's a look at November's full lesson plan:

**MATH** Introduction to fractions, 1st level; Triangles by angles

**SCIENCE** States of matter with experiments; water cycle; landforms

**CULTURAL STUDIES** Types and parts of the root; Parts of a fish; Our first president; Family time line; First Thanksgiving; landforms

**LANGUAGE** Verb lessons 1-6 (1st level); Nouns (2nd level); Adverbs (3rd level); Spanish: family (familia)

**BIBLE** Prophets show the way; Mary's house; Elizabeth's house; Mary and Joseph

**ART** Thanksgiving crafts; negative space with oil pastels

We're looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with all of you as we gather for performances and our annual luncheon on November 22nd. We hope you can join us!

Mrs. Dolline Abraham  
and  
Mrs. Monica Walker



# BIRTHDAYS



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Leah Ellis	Primary 1	November 1st
Madelyn Tisdale	Primary 2	November 12th
Lane Deholloz	Upper Elementary	November 12th
Vira Soto	Toddler	November 15th
Ellis Conley	Primary 1	November 15th
Olivia Fernandez-Benitez	Primary 2	November 15th
Henry Samfield	Upper Elementary	November 15th
Jason Han	Primary 1	November 16th
Hayden Barton	Upper Elementary	November 18th
Brody Wagner	Infant 2	November 24th
Aila Mascorro	Primary 1	November 27th

## EVENT DETAILS

### NOTES FROM MRS. WATSON:

**The Toddler, Primary, and Elementary classes will be hosting a Thanksgiving luncheon with performances on Friday, November 22nd. Each class will have a sign-up sheet of requested items for our potluck Thanksgiving feast.**

**The performances will start at 10:45 am sharp, followed by lunch. We will have two serving lines for you to choose from- one under the carport and one under the Primary 2 pergola on the elementary playground. Please do bring your dish hot, ready, and covered.**

**Overflow parking will be available at the American Legion next door.**

**Believe it or not, Christmas is right around the corner! This year's celebration will be held at the American Legion on December 20th. In order to make this grand event a great success, we will need about 20 parent volunteers to help with set-up, food service, breakdown, and clean-up from 8 am to 1:30 pm on this day. Since the teachers are tied up watching children and also preparing for their performances, we must count on our parent volunteers to pull off this huge event! If you are able to volunteer or are in charge of a group that needs volunteer hours, please contact me.**

## 2024 Elementary Community Service Project

Each year, our elementary classes participate in community service projects to instill giving and building of our local communities. The patients of McLane Children's Hospital have been chosen as our 2024 Christmas Service Project recipients.

For this project, we invite each class to participate by collecting items that will be passed out to the current pediatric patients at Christmastime. Some items will be Christmas gifts, and some are much needed single-use items that the children may require during their stay.

We hope you will join us in supporting these local children and their families! Keep an eye out for additional information and a list of suggested items for donation that will be coming soon.

Many thanks,

Mrs. Waker and Mrs. Abraham