

Montessori Fun Time

DECEMBER 2010 Newsletter



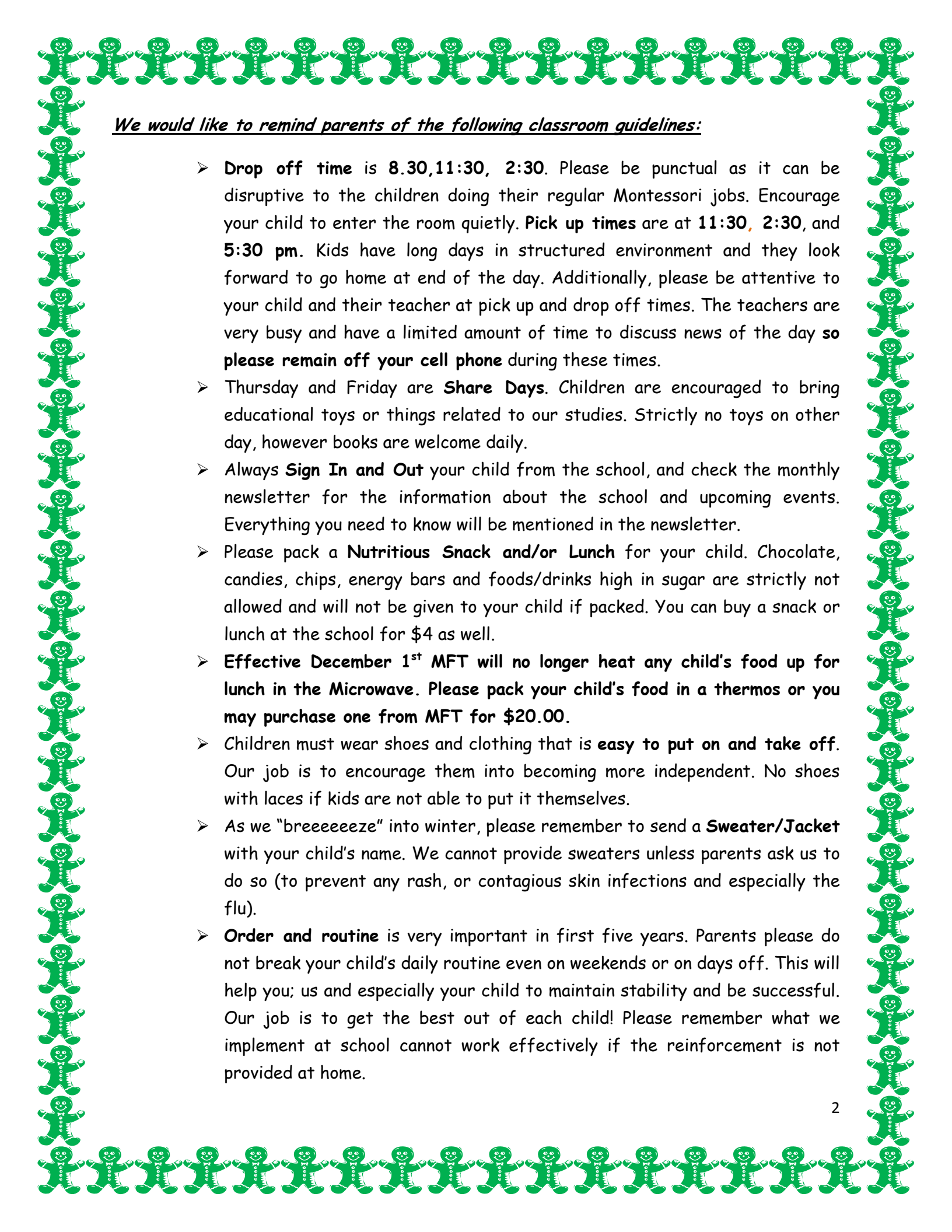
Wow!! Can you believe that Christmas is already here?! This is the time we've all been waiting for; End of the year!

We would like to thank all the parents who took the time to fill up the Survey. We were very pleased with the results. We are surely reviewing your comments and suggestions to better serve you. In order to ensure our success, we need a commitment from each member of our team: Student, parent and teacher to work together to meet our goals through good communication, work habits, and understanding. With your support and cooperation, we do believe we can accomplish great things!

Christmas Party: Saturday, December 18th, we will be celebrating Christmas at Sweet Shade Park from at 10:30am with Santa Claus. Kids will be performing in front of parents and Santa Claus. We encourage all the moms, dads, grandparents, siblings, uncles and aunts to join us. A signup sheet will be there to bring an item or you can also choose to pay \$5/individual for the party.

Happy Birthday To *Ellie December 18th!* and *Aarya December 21st!*

We would also like to congratulate Prashat's Family for the Birth of Baby Girl "Isha". Rhea is a big sister now. Baby and Mom are doing great.



We would like to remind parents of the following classroom guidelines:

- **Drop off time** is **8:30, 11:30, 2:30**. Please be punctual as it can be disruptive to the children doing their regular Montessori jobs. Encourage your child to enter the room quietly. **Pick up times** are at **11:30, 2:30, and 5:30 pm**. Kids have long days in structured environment and they look forward to go home at end of the day. Additionally, please be attentive to your child and their teacher at pick up and drop off times. The teachers are very busy and have a limited amount of time to discuss news of the day so **please remain off your cell phone** during these times.
- Thursday and Friday are **Share Days**. Children are encouraged to bring educational toys or things related to our studies. Strictly no toys on other day, however books are welcome daily.
- Always **Sign In and Out** your child from the school, and check the monthly newsletter for the information about the school and upcoming events. Everything you need to know will be mentioned in the newsletter.
- Please pack a **Nutritious Snack and/or Lunch** for your child. Chocolate, candies, chips, energy bars and foods/drinks high in sugar are strictly not allowed and will not be given to your child if packed. You can buy a snack or lunch at the school for \$4 as well.
- **Effective December 1st MFT will no longer heat any child's food up for lunch in the Microwave. Please pack your child's food in a thermos or you may purchase one from MFT for \$20.00.**
- Children must wear shoes and clothing that is **easy to put on and take off**. Our job is to encourage them into becoming more independent. No shoes with laces if kids are not able to put it themselves.
- As we "breeeeeeeze" into winter, please remember to send a **Sweater/Jacket** with your child's name. We cannot provide sweaters unless parents ask us to do so (to prevent any rash, or contagious skin infections and especially the flu).
- **Order and routine** is very important in first five years. Parents please do not break your child's daily routine even on weekends or on days off. This will help you; us and especially your child to maintain stability and be successful. Our job is to get the best out of each child! Please remember what we implement at school cannot work effectively if the reinforcement is not provided at home.



Days to remember:

December 18, 2010

December 24, 2010

December 31, 2010 Jan 2 2011

Christmas party at Sweet Shade Park

PRESCHOOL CLOSED/ Christmas

PRESCHOOL CLOSED/ New year

In this month, along with the regular Montessori curriculum, children will learn about:

Christmas, Antarctica, Southern border of the United States, Baking Cookies

Practical Life	Setting a Table for Meal, Folding Napkins
Sensorial	Geometric Solids Small Hexagon Box
Language	Sounds of the letter (continuation) Reading phonetic word Tracing letters
Math	Decimal Tray
Science	Measuring
Geography	Southern Border of USA
Art	Winter Snow Flakes, Candy Cane
Botany	Different Shapes of Trees
Zoology	Parts of Horse
History	Holidays

Activities in the Area



102nd Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade 2010

Newport Beach

December 3-29, 2010

FREE to the public. The boat parade will light up the harbor for five consecutive nights from December 15-December 19, 2010. The parade starts at Collins Island at 6:30 p.m. and will last approximately two and a half hours over 250 ships participate in the parade along with hundreds of water front estates. Providing the backdrop for the parade is the Ring of Lights waterfront home and business decorating competition. FREE for spectators, entry fee for participating boats. Over 1 million people view the parade each year. For those of you that would like to be in parade Newport Landing offers 2 general admission cruises nightly every night of the parade that are a part of the actual parade. Viewing the parade from a ship means that you see all of the parade and homes in full decor that line the waterfront. General admission tickets can be reserved over the phone.

LOCATION FOR CRUISES: Until December 29th!

Newport Landing Sportfishing
309 Palm - Suite A
Newport Beach Ca 92661
949-675-0551

Irvine Park Railroad – 15th Annual Christmas Train to Meet Santa Claus

December 3-5 & 10-23, 2010 Take an enchanting night ride through historic Irvine Regional Park to meet and have your picture taken with Santa Claus. In addition to riding the Irvine Park Railroad, activities include story time with Mrs. Claus, Christmas cookie decorating, a Santa Claus moon bounce, Christmas coloring corner, carnival games, picture stands and more. Hot food and snacks are available for purchase. The cost to ride the Christmas Train is \$8.00 per person. Children younger than 24 months ride free. Prices for activities vary. For directions, costs and additional information or to purchase tickets, visit us online at www.irvineparkrailroad.com **LOCATION:**

Irvine Park Railroad
1 Irvine Park Road
Orange, CA 92869
(714) 997-3968

Nutcracker Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Village

Downtown Anaheim
10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

From the Fullerton Station, take Route 47 South and disembark at Anaheim-Lincoln.
www.downtownanaheim.com/tree-lighting-ornament-project

Catch the Holiday Toy Express™

Get the whole family in the holiday spirit at this FREE event!

The holidays will soon be here and with them the Metrolink Holiday Toy Express™. This crowd-pleasing free event is a hit with children and adults.



2010 Holiday Toy Express Schedule

Saturday, December 4		Sunday, December 12	
Burbank (opening night)	5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	San Bernardino	5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Glendale	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Rancho Cucamonga	7:15 - 8:00 p.m.
		Montclair	8:15 - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 5		Saturday, December 18	
Palmdale	5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	Irvine	5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Santa Clarita	7:30 - 8:15 p.m.		
Saturday, December 11		Sunday, December 19	
Corona	5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	Moorpark	5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Fullerton	6:45 - 7:30 p.m.	Camarillo	6:15 - 7:00 p.m.



Irvine Spectrum Center Puts Holidays On Ice November - January

Hosting a Holiday Ice Rink in Giant Wheel Court at the Spectrum every year. The Ice Rinks are a perfect spot for a lunchtime skate, your group events or just to grab a skating lesson.

LOCATION:

Irvine Spectrum
71 Fortune Dr.
Irvine, CA 800-975-1885

"The Nutcracker" At the Barclay Theater

This Yuletide tradition features internationally acclaimed guest artists from American Ballet Theatre. Family-friendly and affordable, there are 10 scheduled performances. The full-length traditional production, choreographed and directed by Festival Ballet Theatre's Artistic Director Salwa Rizkalla, honors the international themes and fantasy aspects of the popular story ballet that features a cast of more than 180 Southern California children and professional dancers.



LOCATION:

4242 Campus Drive (949) 854-4646