

# Napa Valley Montessori Learning Center

## Lower Elementary Newsletter

November 2014

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday to Justus who turned 5 on November 1st!

Happy Birthday to Ramier who turns 7 on November 14th!

Our Halloween Party was so much fun!!! Thank you for all the goodies and smiles you brought. It was awesome to see so many great costumes.

We have an open house on Saturday November 8th from 10 am-12 pm. We would love to welcome back our special guest speaker Dr. Arlene Taylor. Her lecture will start at 11 am.

Reminder: Please read with your child(ren) daily. This will help them attain their reading goals faster. Also, please remember to complete your child's earthquake kit soon if you haven't already.

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### Focuses this month:

We're currently learning about Veteran's Day as well as the Pledge of Allegiance. We'll be learning all about Thanksgiving and trying out some recipes too.

We are going to know everything about corn!!! We will be studying the long history, nutrition facts, the life cycle and modern usages of it. We will also be making some corn art too!

The younger students will be continuing with their time line to when cyanobacteria ruled the planet, leading us to the formation of the atmosphere.

The older students will also be continuing with their time line of civilization. Our stop this month is the Medieval period. We will also be starting to learn how to solve math word problems.

We just planted our winter garden with Miss Joy. Stop by and see what a nice job the students did.

Our morning work cycles have been productive. Each student continues to make progress in their own individual ways. During the morning work cycle, we focus on the Language Arts and

Maths. Our afternoons consist of a variety of things like: creative movement and rhythm, a history lesson, a science lesson, cooking or nutrition lesson, art, or any other cultural topic.

Fridays are devoted to art and gardening. It's also when we do show and tell. So feel free to have your child bring in something they'd love to show the class.

## ***AFTER-SCHOOL CORNER***

### Science and Art:

We are going to start making our project for the coming holiday. We'll be learning about basic chemistry while we make certain parts and using arts and crafts while we construct the rest.

### Music:

This month as we continue our "Recorder Karate" program we are going to cover 'Old McDonald had a Farm' for the purple belt. And then we'll move onto the blue belt with 'When the Saints go Marching in'.

### Mandarin:

The students are learning short conversations and writing their numbers, colors and expanding their vocabulary.

### Culinary:

The students are learning delicious Fall recipes incorporating some veggies and herbs from our edible garden. The students loved the Broccoli Mac N Cheese and enjoyed bowls of Lemon Chicken Orzo Soup. Stay tuned for more yummy treats 😊