

Napa Valley Montessori Learning Center

Lower Elementary Newsletter

January 2014

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, January 18th

10 am - 12:30 pm

We have guest lecturer Arlene Taylor giving a talk on the latest research findings on brain function, especially as it relates to young children.

Family Fun for everyone at *Napa Valley Montessori Learning Center!*

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Please save the date!

We would like to welcome everyone to visit our exotic pet and plant shop. We have a diverse collection of rare reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates and tillandsias commonly known as "air plants". We will be incorporating this fun adventure in our biology and botany lessons with the students.

Happy New Year to all of our Montessori students, families and faculty. We are all enjoying working in the garden with Ms. Joy every Wednesday afternoon. Both our harvest and farm stand in December went very well. We sold beets, arugula, carrots, swiss chard, thyme, oregano and chocolate mint. We raised some money for our next batch of seeds and seedlings. Thanks for all the donations!

Big Happy 6th Birthday to Tyler on January 29th!!!

We're all making strides with our learning of math and language. We're also continuing our timeline into the history of civilization.

Month at a glance: January

Science: Air pressure concepts

This month we have been focusing on pressure. We've performed experiments demonstrating the fact that air takes up space and changes when heat is applied. We'll also be discussing how pressure drives weather.

Art:

Donna Marbet, Ms. Hallie's mother came to visit us on 1/10/14. She gave us a painting lesson and topped the day off with finger puppet making. Thanks for the memories. We'll be doing spin art along with our routine drawing lessons and free art.

Culture:

We're learning about the history of civilization this semester. Come check out our new timeline. We've also begun learning about the geography of the world.

AFTER-SCHOOL CORNER

Please note:

Tuition is due every 1st of the month and considered late after the 5th. A **\$25 late fee** will be applied if tuition is received **after the 5th** of the month, starting the month of February 2014. You may drop off payments to Dianne, Ms Alecia or Ms Hallie or to **Doreen at the Wellness Center beside Fast Signs (Saturday drop off only)**.

Well, that's all for now. Please stay tuned for more after-school updates next month!

Ms Hallie

Ms Alecia

Ms Joy

Mr Derrek

Ms Sue

