



# NAPA VALLEY MONTESSORI

November 2016 Newsletter ● Primary Class

## CURRICULUM

### Reminders:

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
School CLOSED  
Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Noon Dismissal

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>  
School CLOSED  
Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>  
School CLOSED  
Day After Thanksgiving

Welcome to our new students and families!

- Logan Dement
- Mabin Brito
- Reagan Scarano
- Florence Tan

The class environment plays a huge part in the learning process of the children that is why we strive to create a dynamic place to intrigue their curiosities. This month's curriculum acts as a guide to set-up activities that will either hone or increase their skill level and optimize their cognitive, physical, social and emotional growth.

In practical life, we will continue our grace & courtesy lessons and reinforcement of ground rules. Activities developing fine motor skills such as tweezing, spooning and dressing frames are available to further strengthen the children's finger muscles.

Continuous lessons on sensorial materials will deepen the children's understanding of matching, classifying, sorting and grading of objects.

At this time, the mastery of quantity to numeral association is imperative. The child needs to have a solid foundation of quantifying objects and developing one to one correspondence because counting 1 to 10 is mere memorization. This is achieved by repetitive exercises with our bead stair, number rods and numerals & counters. Once the child has achieved this concept, we will move him/her to teen variations, ten board, and 100 board.

We have started identifying and recognizing letter sounds by sorting the various objects based on their initial sounds. Children are enriching their vocabulary via pre-language concepts such as rhyming, opposites, and association.

Lastly, we are learning the seven continents through singing a song as well as playing a game.



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*“Free the child’s potential, and you will transform him into the world.”* *Maria Montessori*

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**Parent Teacher Conference  
November 28<sup>th</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Sign-up sheet is now available**

This conference is for Parents Only. Take advantage of the allotted 15 minutes to go over your child’s activities with us. Bring your questions or comments. See you then!!!

**Handwashing in the Classroom**



Each day we take steps to keep the children healthy. One health habit proven to reduce illness is washing hands. The children are learning to wash their hands several times a day, including

- Before meals;
- After using the toilet;
- After playing outside or with pets; and
- After sneezing, coughing, or using a tissue.



**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**