



MONTESSORI

Child Development Center



WE ARE THANKFUL FOR...

November is here! We have so many things to be thankful for – our school community, our families, teachers, and students. Thank you for all your kindness and support.



ORANGEWOOD THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Each year our elementary students organize a Thanksgiving Basket drive for Orangewood Foundation. Orangewood Foundation provides support and resources to foster and community youth in Orange County. Please help us by donating a basket, a \$25 grocery store gift card, or both. Our last collection day will be on Friday, November 8 and delivery will be on Wednesday, November 13. Thank you for the families who brought their donations. We are grateful for your generosity!



THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

We will have our Thanksgiving lunch on Wednesday, November 27 to celebrate good friends and good food. Each class will have their own sign-up sheet posted at the clipboards outside the office. Provide the ingredient list for the food you are bringing. No nuts or peanuts. Volunteers are welcome to join us.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

The school will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving Break. We will close at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27. We wish all our families a Happy Thanksgiving!



SIGN IN AND OUT

Please do not forget to sign in and sign-out your child. If you forget, drop us an email or leave a message.



BIG THANKS!

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and helped make our Halloween event special! Thanks to all moms who provided pizza for the entire school and families who donated goodies for the party!

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER



Friday, November 8-

Thanksgiving Basket Donations due

Monday, November 11

VETERAN'S DAY (School Closed)

Wednesday, November 13 -

Thanksgiving Basket Drop-off
(Volunteers needed)

Wednesday, November 27

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

(Minimum Day/School closes at 12:30 p.m.)

Thursday-Friday, November 28-29 -

THANKSGIVING (SCHOOL CLOSED)

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 5

Winter Photo Session

Monday- Thursday, December 16-19

WINTER HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Monday - Holiday Crafts

Tuesday - Holiday Dress Up

Wednesday - Movie and Pajama Day

Thursday - Class Caroling

Monday, December 16 - 2:30- 3:00

Webby Dance Performance (for those enrolled in class)

Friday to Friday - December 20 -

January 3 - WINTER RECESS (School Closed)

VETERAN'S DAY

the school will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.



BIRTHDAY CIRCLE

Children love the Montessori birthday circle. It is the highlight of every birthday. Celebrants get to share pictures of when they were born and each year of their life. They talk about memorable moments and milestones. Each month we send a celebration template form. We use this for our Montessori birthday walk around the sun. Tip: Create a birthday board with your child's birthday and your child's picture from birth to present.

OPTIONAL SNACK TREATS

As an option and in lieu of sugary treats, you can bring snack treats for your child's birthday. Snack treats should include 2 food groups – fruit and carb or veggie and carb. Example– goldfish and Cuties (tangerines). No candies or juice. Your child can help plan which food items to bring.

Snacks should be **store-bought, peanut-free, and nut-free.**

If you are bringing birthday cupcakes or cookies, please choose **mini size**. Please no uncooked egg (meringue) icing.

Provide the school with the product ingredients.

Best allergy friendly treats to get are ABE's School Friendly baked goods.



November
BIRTHDAYS

7

Yasmine 11/15

11

Drake 11/12

STAFF

Ms. Maria 11/5
Mr. Taylor 11/20

TEACHING GRATITUDE – A LOOK AT MONTESSORI VALUES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Young children, by their very nature, are self-absorbed. In fact, Jean Piaget described children from ages 2–7 as being egocentric, or unable to see a situation from another person's point of view. According to Piaget, young children primarily think and communicate about themselves. They automatically assume that the experiences and thoughts that they have are shared by others. Even in this egocentric phase, however, children can begin to understand gratitude when they are offered repeated opportunities to experience being grateful.

Here are a few ways you can teach children about gratitude:

- Develop the habit of vocalizing good things that happen. Comment as events are happening, such as "I appreciate you helping put the silverware away." Or talk about events after they occur, on a bigger, family scale like at dinner or bed time.
- Model appreciation of others. After you leave the park, for example, discuss what you observed. "Wasn't it nice when that teenager helped you cross the monkey bars?" "Did you see that man help catch the dog that ran away? I'll bet that family is very thankful."
- Invite children to help with daily tasks. Even very young children can help set the table, fold towels, or help feed the pet. The more they help, the more children understand and appreciate the efforts of others.
- Encourage children to help others in the community. Together, go through the children's clothing and toys to find gently used items to donate to those in need. Invite children to help deliver the items to the thrift store or donation site.
- Write thank you notes together. Expressing gratitude in writing helps children think about and communicate why they are thankful. Young children may draw a picture and dictate their letter. Older children may enjoy writing their letter on beautiful stationery or they may prefer email.
- Don't be afraid to say no. Giving in to constant requests for treats can make children feel entitled, not grateful. Be upfront about what you are going to do ahead of time: "Today, we are going to the grocery store to buy a gallon of milk and some bread. We are not buying candy or toys." Then, make sure you follow through.
- Involve children in selecting gifts for others. During the holidays, ask children to make gift lists, thinking about what other people would like to receive. Invite them to shop for and wrap the presents, and then to give the presents to the recipients.

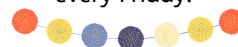
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CAMPUS SAFETY

To prevent theft during the holiday season, please lock your car and avoid leaving valuables in plain sight when parked in front of the school or parking lot.

PEP RALLY

Pep Rally days are the last Friday of the month (depending on weather). Show your school spirit and wear your MCDC shirt every Friday!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club Catalogs are sent home each month. Deadline to order is every 20th of each month. Our class code is **HR7ZJ**.



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
DIGITAL FLYER

MONTESSORI PARENT:
DEALING WITH A TANTRUM THE
MONTESSORI WAY
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CREATING A FALL NATURE
TABLE IN THE MONTESSORI
ENVIRONMENT



After-School ACTIVITIES

PIANO, UKELELE, AND
GUITAR WITH MR.
TAYLOR. TO SCHEDULE:
EMAIL AT
TGL@TAYLORSGUITARLE
SSONS.COM OR CALL
(714) 398-2638

WEBBY DANCE –
MONDAYS AT
2:30–3:00

LITTLE STAR
SPORTS– TUESDAYS
& WEDNESDAYS

SOCCER SHOTS –
THURSDAYS