MONTESSORI SCHOOLS of Central Texas



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IMPORTANT DATES

11/1 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
Set Clocks Back

11/6 Elementary Library Day

11/11 **Veteran's Day**
School Closed

11/12 Upper Elem Field Trip
11/13 Lower Elem Field Trip

11/20 **Thanksgiving Celebration**
Performances (T-E) 10:30
Early Dismissal & Lunch 11:00

11/23-27 **Thanksgiving Break**
School Closed

A NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

This month, we take time to pause and reflect on our many blessings and appreciate all the goodness this year has brought us. We look forward to our annual Thanksgiving luncheon, where we dine as a school family on November 20th! For this special event, we ask each student to bring a dish for our potluck luncheon. Sign-ups will be posted in each classroom as we near the event date.

Bountiful Blessings,
Mrs. Jennifer Watson

Save the date: Nov 28th @ 9 am
School-wide Christmas decorating!



"Travel stories teach geography; insect stories lead the child into natural science...The teacher, in short, can use reading to introduce her pupils to the most varied subjects; and the moment they have been thus started, they can go on to any limit guided by the single passion for reading."
--Maria Montessori

CLASSROOM NEWS

INFANT



As the month dedicated to giving thanks and reflecting on our blessings arrives, it's important to recognize your little ones as a remarkable gift to our classroom. With November here, our focus will shift towards Fall and Thanksgiving themes. During this time, the children will explore the color brown and learn about sweet potatoes and cranberries. We'll introduce American Sign Language, teaching the signs for "please" and "thank you," and in Spanish, they will learn "Por favor," which means please. They'll discover the turkey, and create a handprint Turkey. Additionally, they'll learn the “Clean-up song” and delve into Bible study with an introduction to Luke 10:38-42. We anticipate a month filled with fun and meaningful learning experiences!

Many of you have kindly inquired about our classroom needs. We would greatly appreciate some Fall, Thanksgiving, or turkey-themed board books to share during story time with the infants, as they truly enjoy it. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and dedication to our classroom.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!
Mrs. Terri Wallace

TODDLER

GROUP LESSONS	Gratitude & Thankfulness; Thanksgiving Then & Now; Native American Heritage; Fall & Harvest; Turkey’s life cycle.
PRACTICAL LIFE	Wash & dry tables; restore materials to their proper place; bake cornbread; practice putting on and removing jackets.
COGNITIVE MANIPULATIVE	Match & sort feathers by color; spoon & transfer cranberries; stack & nest boxes by size; Count 1-5 objects
LANGUAGE	Stories: *My First Thanksgiving & My Thanksgiving Blessings* Spanish: Fall Words: Leaf (hoja); Corn (maíz) Greetings: Good morning (Buenos dias)
BIBLE	Theme: Thankfulnes and Gratitude Verse: Psalm 118:1, “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever.”
SENSORY & ART	Make fall leaf prints or rubbings; fall sensory bin; build a turkey or fall scene with kinetic sand; shucking corn



November promises to be a delightful month brimming with a range of seasonal activities for our toddlers. We’ll introduce the history of Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage while also discussing the changes that the season brings, such as leaves, pumpkins, corn, and fall harvest foods. Additionally, we’ll explore turkeys, examining their habitat, sounds, and life cycle.

This month presents a wonderful opportunity to nurture gratitude and independence. Encourage your child at home to assist with simple family routines, like setting the table, carrying their plate, wiping up small spills, putting toys away, and helping prepare meals. Engage your child by asking, “What are you thankful for today?”

Mrs. LaDonna Ronelus
and
Mrs. Tammy Clausen









ELEMENTARY

As we embrace the fall season, our students are enthusiastically gearing up for our service project and practicing for the Thanksgiving Performance. This month, we have exciting events lined up, including Library Day on November 6th, the Upper Elementary embarking on the Franklin Safari on November 12th, and the Lower Elementary joining in on November 13th.

Take a look at what else we have planned:

MATH	Introduction to fractions, 1st level; Triangles by angles
SCIENCE	States of matter with experiments; water cycle; landforms; magnetism
CULTURAL STUDIES	Our first president; Family time line; the story of Thanksgiving
LANGUAGE	Verb lessons 1-6 (1st level); Different kinds of nouns (2nd level);
BOTANY & ZOOLOGY	Parts of the root, types of roots; Parts of a fish (1st and 2nd level); fish research (1st, 2nd, 3rd level)
SPANISH	Finger-play children's song, "Saco Una Manito"; Vocabulary introduction: Sacar, Hacer, Cerrar, Abrir

During this period, we will explore engaging topics such as the first Thanksgiving, the first president, and the Family Timeline. In science, students will investigate intriguing concepts like magnetism and the states of matter. This month is sure to be filled with both educational experiences and festive joy. Your children have truly been a blessing this year, and we eagerly anticipate the coming months as we witness their ongoing growth and independence.

Mrs. Dolline Abraham
and Mrs. Tracie Steele

PRIMARY

As November begins, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the Primary Families! Your children bring us joy and are a true blessing every day.
Throughout the month, the children will participate in etiquette lessons focused on proper table settings, napkin folding, and table manners. We will also share the Thanksgiving Story and create a fun Thanksgiving craft.

Here are some of the lessons we have planned::

GROUP LESSONS	Layers of the Earth; Volcanoes; South America Puzzle map; Rock Classification; Veterans Day Book
SPANISH, GERMAN, MANDARIN	Classroom Supplies
GRACE AND COURTESY	How to speak politely to a friend; Table Manners
PRACTICAL LIFE	Table setting; Napkin folding; Thanksgiving craft
CULTURE	Thanksgiving Story; Layers of the Earth (playdough model); Parts of a Volcano
BIBLE	Psalm 23: The Good Shepherd

Important Reminder:
As the weather cools, please note that the children will be spending more time on the playground and dining outdoors. We kindly ask that you ensure they are dressed in warm layers, including jackets, hats, and mittens when necessary.

Mrs. Carmen Alvarado
and
Mrs. Angel Wang





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sophie Coronado	Toddler 1	November 6th
Octavius El	Lower Elementary	November 9th
Ellis Conley	Primary 1	November 15th
Olivia Fernandez-Benitez	Primary 1	November 15th
Brody Wagner	Primary 2	November 24th
Devion Flores	Primary 2	November 25th
Aila Mascorro	Lower Elementary	November 27th

Elementary Library Day

On November 6th, our elementary students will be visiting the library. Please make sure your child(ren) wear their school t-shirt on this special day.

Elementary Field Trips

The Upper Elementary's field trip to Franklin Safari is set for November 12th, with the Lower Elementary following on November 13th. It's going to be an exciting day for all the students! The buses will leave promptly at 8:50 AM, ensuring an arrival at the safari by 10:00 AM. After a fun-filled tour, the children will relax with a delightful picnic lunch, returning to school around 2:30 PM.

Please remember to dress your child(ren) in their school t-shirt for easy identification and pack a nutritious sack lunch (no warm-ups) and a water bottle to keep them energized and hydrated throughout the day. We're looking forward to a wonderful adventure!

Primary & Elementary Camp Christmas

Join us for a delightful Camp Christmas from December 21st to 23rd, running from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. This festive event is packed with joyful activities. The children will have a wonderful time enjoying holiday crafts, making gifts and ornaments, singing carols, dancing at a fun party, and watching classic Christmas movies. They'll also love sipping on marshmallow-topped hot chocolate, playing games, baking cookies, and preparing lunch together.

Lunch and two snacks are provided each day to keep their energy up!

The camp is open to primary and elementary students, with a minimum donation of $75 per day. Registration Forms will be coming out soon, **the registration period will be November 30th - December 3rd**. We will hand out registration forms before Thanksgiving break.

Kids are welcome to join or leave anytime during the camp hours. We suggest they come dressed in Christmas-themed pajamas and bring a cozy blanket for movie time snuggles!

This event is a fundraiser to help our Lead Teachers attend the Christian Montessori Conference in January. If your child can't make it, we warmly invite you to consider making a donation. All contributions will receive a tax-deductible receipt.

2026 Elementary Community Service Project

Each year, our elementary classes engage in a community service project designed to foster virtues of generosity and support within our local communities. For 2026, we have selected **Feed My Sheep** as our service project. This Christ-centered nonprofit organization is dedicated to nourishing those who are hungry—physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

We warmly invite all classes and MSCT families to contribute by collecting items to donate to this compassionate organization.

The school will accept donations throughout November. A list of suggested items for donation will be coming soon.



Thanksgiving

We're excited to celebrate the season together at our Thanksgiving luncheon and student performances on **Friday, November 20th!**

The performances will begin promptly at **10:30 a.m.** Afterward, please sign out your child or children before joining us as a family for the potluck luncheon at 11:00 a.m.

Each class will provide a sign-up sheet with requested items for our Thanksgiving feast. If you sign up to bring a hot dish, please have it covered, ready to serve, and hot upon arrival. Please label your dish so that we may return it to you.

Two serving lines will be available—one under the carport and another under the Primary 2 pergola on the elementary playground. Limited seating will be provided, so families are welcome to bring picnic blankets or camp chairs. Overflow parking will also be available at the American Legion next door.

We look forward to enjoying the children's performances, sharing a wonderful meal, and celebrating with you and your family!

Mark Your Calendars!

It's hard to believe, but Christmas is just around the corner! We're looking forward to celebrating together at the American Legion on December 18th. To help make this special day joyful and memorable for our children and families, we're hoping for about 20 parent volunteers to assist with set-up, food service, breakdown, and clean-up from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. While our teachers are busy caring for the children and preparing them for their performances, the generous support of our parent volunteers will be what brings this wonderful event to life. If you're able to lend a hand—or if you lead a group looking for volunteer hours—please contact Mrs. Watson. Military assistance is GREATLY appreciated! Thank you in advance for your help making this event successful!