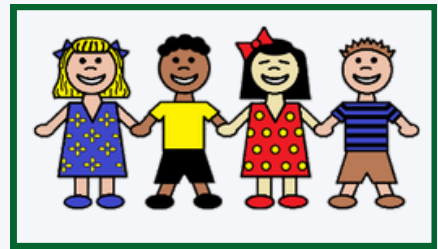


DECEMBER 2025

MONTESSORI SCHOOLS of Central Texas



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IMPORTANT DATES

12/1	Elementary Service Project: Donation Collection Begins
12/11	Elementary Service Project: Donations Collection Ends
12/19	Christmas Celebration 10:30 (Toddler, Primary, Elementary) Early Dismissal 11:00 (all classes)
12/22-1/5	Christmas Break - No School
1/6	First Day of Spring Semester

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Please join us for our annual Christmas Celebration on December 19th! Performances by our Toddler, Primary, and Elementary students will begin at 10:30. Lunch will be provided for students and parents immediately following.

From our school family to yours, may you have a beautiful, memorable Christmas surrounded by your loved ones! May we never forget, Jesus is the reason for the season.

God Bless,
Jennifer Watson



"The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind."
—Maria Montessori, Education and Peace

INFANT



Throughout the month of December, we'll be preparing for Christmas by reading from Luke 2:6-7, *The Birth of Jesus*. In circle time, we'll sing Christmas carols, read stories about bears and hibernation, and we will strengthen our ASL skills by continuing the use of the signs for "please" and "thank you."

In keeping with the season, we'll introduce the color green and the shape and sound of a bell. We'll also talk about avocados, broccoli, and peas.

While your babies are home for the holidays, please support their new skill of using cups during mealtime by allowing them to practice holding their cup and keeping it on the table. We wish everyone a blessed holiday!

-- Mrs. Terri Wallace

TODDLER

Throughout the month of December, we will be embracing the Christmas season by singing carols, making crafts, and reading about the story of Christmas.

You can help support your child's growing independence over the break by allowing them to put on their own clothes and shoes, walk independently (no more carrying), and encourage them to clean up after themselves. If they are potty training, maintaining consistency over the break will help keep them on track.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. LaDonna Ronelus
and
Mrs. Tammy Clausen

GROUP LESSONS

Discussions about Christmas and the birth of baby Jesus; Christmas program rehearsal

PRACTICAL LIFE

Putting on coats; grooming; tending garden; making gingerbread cookies; sweeping and raking leaves

COGNITIVE MANIPULATIVE

Decorating a Christmas tree; jingle bell spoon transferring; dancing to Christmas music

LANGUAGE

Singing and listening to Christmas carols; Spanish: *Navidad* (Christmas); *Arbol de Navidad* (Christmas tree); *copo de nieve* (snowflake)

BIBLE

Luke 2:11- "A savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."

SENSORY & ART

Making Christmas ornaments and wreaths; Christmas-themed paintings; decorating a Christmas tree





Antarctica

PRIMARY

During December, the primary classes will be focused on winter and Christmas throughout many aspects of the curriculum. Here's a look at what we'll learn about:

GROUP LESSONS

Antarctica; animals of Antarctica; weather; temperature

SPANISH

Feliz Navidad (Merry Christmas); Feliz Año Nuevo (Happy New Year)

GRACE & COURTESY

Eye contact during greetings, "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays"; how to receive presents; how to ask for help

PRACTICAL LIFE

Cooking: South American dish
Art: Christmas cards and ornaments

CULTURE

Weight (heavy and light); vertebrate and invertebrate

BIBLE

An Angel Visits Mary; Jesus is Born

Please consider supporting the elementary service project, Deck the Paws, and involve your child by letting them shop for donation items with you. This is a great opportunity to model and foster a spirit of giving! Your generosity will directly impact the pets of these elderly residents of Temple over the holidays.

God Bless,
Mrs. Alvarado, Mrs. Wang,
and Ms. Copeland

ELEMENTARY

The joy of the season is upon us! We are looking forward to performing and celebrating the birth of Jesus at our annual Christmas party this month!

We have a lot planned for December:

MATH

Addition and subtraction facts; introduction to fractions (1st Level); multiplication facts
Geometry: rectangles; triangles and angles; lines

SCIENCE

Introduction to solar system; planet research; introduction to electricity and experiments

CULTURAL STUDIES

Antarctica; amphibian research; parts of a stem and stem adaptations; age of the earth ("the long black line"); the golden timeline; introduction to the clock (1st level); the White House; writing thank you cards

LANGUAGE

Verb lesson continued (1st level); punctuation (2nd level); interjection/conjunction boxes (3rd level)

BIBLE

Luke 2:1-20, *The Birth of Jesus*; the shepherds and the Magi

ART

Leonardo da Vinci - the Universal Genius; Christmas crafts; ornament sewing

"Deck the Paws" donations due by December 11th. Drop off location: office. Pick a dog or cat ornament for your donation. Thank you for helping low-income seniors keep their pets fed, healthy, and happy!

Mrs. Doline Abraham
and
Mrs. Monica Walker



BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Laurent Alexander	Toddler 1	December 1st
Fernando Castro Rodriguez	Upper Elementary	December 1st
Madison Dixon	Primary 1	December 2nd
Kinsley Magee	Primary 2	December 7th
Adam Marrero	Toddler 1	December 7th
Gracyn Glover	Primary 1	December 12th
Charlotte Rodriguez	Upper Elementary	December 15th
Aster Tran	Infant	December 26th
Connor Golder	Toddler 1	December 26th
Arthur King	Upper Elementary	December 28th
Orion Peterson	Primary 2	December 31st

IMPORTANT NOTES

Thank you to all who participated in our Thanksgiving celebration and helped make the day spectacular despite the weather's best efforts to foil our fun! We appreciated everyone's flexibility and understanding as we worked through plan B. Though it wasn't perfect, it was still filled with many special moments, from the heart-warming student performances to the delicious feast provided by our gracious parents. Thank you all for joining us!

Christmas Celebration:

We will host our 43rd annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 19th, at the American Legion Hall next door. Performances for Toddler, Primary, and Elementary start at 10:30 am sharp. The school will provide lunch for all students and parents immediately following. Please sign your child out before entering the serving lines. Don't forget, early dismissal is at 11:00 a.m. for all classes.

Donation Consideration:

At MSCT, we are so grateful for our supportive parent community. While you're planning your seasonal giving this year, we invite you to remember our school and consider making a charitable contribution. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, your donations are tax-deductible and directly support our mission to provide exceptional education and fund our scholarship program. Your gift makes an impact! You can donate in person or through our website at www.montessorischoolsofcentraltexas.com.

We deeply appreciate your continued support. Thank you for being a vital part of our school family!

An Invitation

You're cordially invited to celebrate the birth of Christ on Sunday, December 21st, starting at 10:15 am, at the Cadence Bank Center, hosted by Crossroads Church. From the Watson and MSCT families, may God bless you abundantly in the New Year. We are looking forward to another successful Spring semester ahead.

Merry Christmas!
Mrs. Jennifer Watson



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

MSCT ELEMENTARY SERVICE PROJECT 2025 **DECK THE PAWS!**

This year, we are excited to support the Human-Animal Support Coalition, a local organization whose mission is to keep pets in the homes where they are loved and out of animal shelters by providing affordable, accessible resources to our community.

★ **DECEMBER 1-11, 2025** ★

Help us support the HASC through a collection of
CAT or DOG:

 **Food**  **Treats**  **Toys**

(Please do not send rawhide or Ol'Roy brand items)

Donations can be dropped off in the foyer by the office

As a thank you, each donation will be rewarded with a
themed ornament of your choosing from our decorated
tree in the foyer!

★ **BECAUSE EVERY PAW-DY DESERVES A
MERRY CHRISTMAS!** ★

Please reach out to Mrs. Walker with any questions:
msct.lowerelementary@gmail.com

For more information about HASC's mission, visit:
humananimalsupportcoalition.org

