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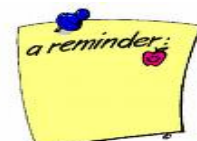
“The objects in our system are instead a help to the child himself, he chooses what he wants for his own use, and works with it according to his own needs, tendencies and special interests. In this way, the objects become a means of growth.” Maria Montessori

November Birthdays:

Nicholas G. – 11/11
Quintin G. – 11/11
Evan H. – 11/11

December Birthdays:

Bailey R. – 12/13
Daniel K. – 12/14
Kira T. – 12/28
Freddy Ray M. – 12/30



Please check your child's change of clothes box to make sure they have adequate clothes to change into now that the weather will be getting cooler.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE SNACK CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE. AGAIN, SNACK SHOULD ARRIVE 1 DAY PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED DATE. THANK YOU!

We had a great turnout for the Practical Life night in October. Watch for the Sensorial Night after the holidays.

Important Upcoming Dates:

November

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 – Holiday – No School

Wednesday, November 17, 2009 – Field trip to Tolmachoff Farms

Wednesday, November 25, 2009 – Early dismissal (12 noon) all students

Thursday, November 26, 2009 – Holiday – No School

Friday, November 27, 2009 – Holiday – No School

December

Tuesday, December 8, 2009 – gifts due for Santa's workshop (watch family folders for information forthcoming)

Friday, December 11, 2009 – Field trip to AZ Broadway Theater

Friday, December 18, 2009 – Early dismissal (12 noon) all students

Monday, December 21, 2009 – Friday, January 1, 2010 – Holiday – No School

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Wednesday, November 25, 2009

We will be having an open house and feast on November 25th from 9:00-11:30. This will be an opportunity for you to come and share some wonderful food with the children. This is an early release day so all children must be picked up by noon.



The children will be preparing the food the 23rd and 24th for our Open House on Wednesday, November 25th. Please see the sign up sheet to donate the necessary ingredients.

Please remember to call the attendance line (623-776-7138) if your child will be absent.



Artist & Composer of
the Month:

Degas/Van Gogh
Beethoven



Continue sending in your box tops/labels for education. We have sent in our 1st submission with 150 box tops!

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Outdoor Environment News:

It's autumn in outdoor environment! With the days cooler, we have begun planting our garden. I have started our garden beds off with a variety of lettuces, peppers, brussel sprouts and cabbages. The importance of knowing where our food comes from is often underrated. We try to instill a "back to basics" mentality, as well as knowledge base in our children here at school. The garden is an integral part of this.

Thank you to our friends who brought in seeds! The children (and teachers) never fail to be entranced by watching the change from seed to plant.

We are learning about, and identifying different types of squash, onions and nuts. I encourage you to take the time at the grocery with your children going over the names of the items in the produce section – this has always been a favorite activity with the kids in our family!

Thanks also for everyone bringing in leftover produce for the animals. It really helps keeping the costs down, and dispositions up in our animal friends.

Plants we need for gardening:

spinach	poppies
kale	pansies
zucchini	stocks
parsley	snapdragons
oregano	salvias
ornamental grasses	passion fruit vine (1 or 5 gal)
thyme	snail vine (1 or 5 gal)
cilantro	
catnip	
any other veggies or herbs	

Christmas Cradle

Arrowhead Montessori will be collecting items for the Christmas Cradle program to benefit Crisis Pregnancy Centers in Arizona. There is a great need for diapers sizes newborn – 5. Other essential needs are:

Receiving or heavy blankets
Baby food/formula, Bottles
Pacifiers, rattles
Paper Supplies (paper towels, toilet tissue, etc.)
Baby wipes
Baby shampoo, powder, lotion

Maggie's Place

Arrowhead Montessori will be collecting items for Maggie's Place. Maggie's Place is a community that provides houses of hospitality for expectant mothers who are alone or are living on the streets. Maggie's Place has 5 communities, 3 of them in Arizona. The Michael House is located in Glendale, the Magdalene House is located in Phoenix, and the Elizabeth House is located in Tempe. We will have a box labeled "Maggie's Place" for you to drop off donations.

Some items in need are: gently used maternity clothing, shampoo, dish soap, newborn diapers, etc. Please see the following links for the "current needs list".

Michael House:

www.maggiesplace.org/content.php?sectionid=3635

Magdalene House:

www.maggiesplace.org/content.php?sectionid=3633

Elizabeth House:

www.maggiesplace.org/content.php?sectionid=3634

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Santa's Workshop December 14 & 15

Watch your family folders the end of November for information on Santa's workshop. The children look forward to this event as they go holiday "shopping" for their loved ones.



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Pancake Breakfast Friday, December 18, 2009

Santa will be visiting Arrowhead Montessori on Friday, December 18th. Children should arrive between 8:15-8:30 unless they are enrolled in the before care program. We will have breakfast from 8:30-10:30. At 10:30 we will have holiday songs and visits with Santa (parents are welcome to join their children at this time). This is an early release day so all children must be picked up by noon.