

CAMBRIDGE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

December
Newsletter
2024

Events

12/13	Transition & Primary Holiday Program 9:30am-12:00pm
12/16	Holiday Headwear Day
12/17	Holiday Program Recording Wobblers/Toddler Crazy Sock Day
12/18	Book Exchange and Pajama Day
12/19	Christmas Plaid/Flannel Shirt Day
12/20	Holiday Sweater Day & Holiday Party 11:15 am-12:00pm
12/24-01/01	Winter Break CMS Closed
1/02	First Day of Spring Semester

Birthdays

Calliope N.	Dec 3rd
Ms. Jennifer	Dec 4th
Ms. Daena	Dec 8th
Yusra N.	Dec 17th
Ms. Anahi	Dec 19th
Reya P.	Dec 20th
Kavish K.	Dec 21st
Zaisha M.	Dec 23rd
Joey J.	Dec 28th
Lucia C.	Dec 29th

Wobblers	12:30-1:00pm
Transition	12:30-1:30pm
Primary	2:30-3:00pm
Asst. Teacher	1:30-2:00pm

HELPFUL LINKS

[The Simply Fresh Kitchen](#)
[School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger](#)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you so much for attending our annual Thanksgiving Feast! We hope you enjoyed the quality time you had with your child. We are also incredibly appreciative of how generously you donated to our Canned Food Drive and to The American Cancer Society. Thank you so much for contributing to these worthy causes.

December is another busy month at CMS. The Holiday Program Recording for Wobblers and Toddlers will be on December 17th. The Holiday Program for Transition and Primary Classes is on December 13th. Details will be shared via email soon.

The Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec 20th, which is for children only. We also have a full week of holiday themed spirit activities planned during Dec 16th-20th that are listed on the left side under "events."

As a reminder, **CMS will be closed from Dec 24th-January 1st for ALL students. We will reopen on Jan 2nd, 2025.** We wish all of you a joyful and blessed holiday season!

With Warm Regards,
CMS Faculty and Staff

LEARNING THEMES

For the month of December, children will be learning about the following topics:

Cultural Holidays

Students will spend two weeks learning all about the celebration of holidays, cultures, and traditions from around the world.

Winter Season

Brrr! It's winter time! Children will learn all about this chilly season and how to stay cozy and warm.

Free Week

In the last week before winter break, students will enjoy making a snowman craft, listening to snowman stories, and have a special movie day with Frosty the Snowman.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Giving

This month children are learning about giving. **Giving** is a selfless and charitable act towards another person.

Here are some activities to practice and encourage the act of **giving** during the holiday season.

Read: *The Giving Snowman* by Julia Zheng; *The Little Book of Giving* by Zach Bush; *Unselfish Kids* by Paul Parkinson

Discuss: When was the last time you were generous with someone? How did it make you feel? What can you give or do for someone that doesn't cost any money? What is something you love that you would like to share with someone else?

PARENT CORNER

Create a Circle of Quiet

Have you ever noticed that children can get so wound up they can't calm down? Get cranky, demanding, and whiny with too much stimulation? Like adults, children need quiet time each day. We sometimes get so focused on activities for our children that we forget to teach them about quiet time. It's well worth the effort to help your family discover the pleasure of silence and the advantages of slowing down and taking life in a little more easily.

Circles of quiet are soothing to the nervous system; silence is the best tranquilizer. Creating a circle of quiet helps children unwind and relax. It is through these circles of quiet that your child will discover the difference between the outer world and his own inner world.

Through silence your child will come to know themselves and learn about their inner life.

Children who are able to simply play alone in a quiet space learn to understand their need for solitude. Circles of quiet in your home are the beginning of self-awareness and meditation. During quiet times a child feels tranquil and serene. Creating circles of quiet in your home from the very beginning will help you and your children find inner peace.

Excerpt from the book *Wonderful Ways to Love a Child* by Judy Ford.