

## Upstairs Class: (Bring enough snacks for 25 students)

The upstairs class is working on keeping our hands and feet to ourselves, and grace and courtesy. Please assist us in reminding our students to keep their hands and feet to themselves and use their words to ask for what they want and need. The children are making winter crafts weekly, during the holiday season. We will be baking Christmas cookies and bread, feel free to donate items for those projects. We are looking for a room parent to assist us with parties, etc. Please reach out to Mary or Kinatta for more information. Our class Christmas party is Wednesday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Outside Class: (Bring enough snacks for 16 students)

Holidays are here and the children have been enjoying making different art projects, if you see art hanging by the front porch, look for your child's name so you can take it home. Some work might be inside so ask the teacher if they have any artwork to take home. Our class Christmas party will be Friday, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The 4- and 5-year-olds have been practicing writing letters and numbers. Please follow up on their work by asking them, if you will see their work in their bag at the end of the week, if not there, ask teachers please. The 2.5- and 3-year-olds have been practicing Grace and Courtesy as well as Practical Life lessons.

We have decided to not allow toys of any kind at school, so make sure your child leaves theirs in the car before coming in, they have been a big distraction for lesson period and even at nap time. We also want to remind you to supervise what your child brings to school (pocket or backpack) we have had a few bring coins which are a choking hazard. If your child brings breakfast, be sure to tell the teacher so we can help remind them to sit and eat. This does not apply as a snack or an "early treat" such as candies, we don't allow it; students have three snacks through the day. Check calendar at the door to see your child's turn to bring snack for the class. Stay tuned in to our Facebook page "Outside Class" for details for our upcoming pajama day and Christmas Party this month.

## Toddler Class: (Bring enough snacks for 16 students)

Our class Christmas party will be Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We are still working on our class rules:

- Walking feet
- Inside voices
- Gentle hands
- 1 lesson at a time/put away
- Nothing in your mouth except for food

## Infant Class:

The infant class is working on walking, pulling up, crawling, and rolling over. They are also enjoying many inside activities since we have not been able to go outside lately due to the cold wet weather. These activities include playing with different instruments while we sing various songs, reading lots of books (which they love), doing artwork, and enjoying bubble time. If your child is working on walking, please send in some solid hard bottom shoes for them to be able to work on balance while standing and walking. If your child is starting to eat solids, please send in some items that they can pick up and feed themselves as well as a sippy cup (if you haven't brought that in yet). If you have received supply slips and haven't brought those in, please do.



## Quote of the Week

**The child is  
both a hope  
and a promise  
for mankind**

**- Dr. Maria Montessori**

## In Other News...

**HOLIDAY BREAK:** The end of the year is fast approaching. The last day of school this semester is Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. Remember that we will be open for childcare only Dec 19-23. If your child is enrolled in childcare, they can come during the Christmas break for no extra fee. We will have a sign-up sheet so we can make staffing arrangements. If your child is not enrolled in childcare, your child can attend for a fee. December 26- January 2, we will be closed completely.

**FUNDRAISER:** Thank you for participating in the Poinsettia fundraiser and supporting our school. We sold 554 plants!

**SNACKS:** Please send snacks with your child on their assigned snack day. A snack calendar is sent home monthly with each student. Be sure to send enough snacks for their class. Here is a list of some suggestions because the children are getting tired of the same stuff: Cheese cubes and crackers, Sliced or Cubed Fruit, Chex mix, String cheese and crackers, Fruit/Yogurt Pouches, Raisins and nuts, Pretzels, Homemade treats, PBJ sandwiches cut in half (if no class peanut allergy). **NO popcorn, NO fruit snacks, and NO juice please.**

**CLOTHES AND JACKETS:** Be sure to label all your children's clothes and jackets. Make sure they have weather appropriate clothing in their spare bag.

### SAVE THE DATES:

**Friday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Santa Visit!**

**December 19-23 – Holiday Break week 1! We will be open for childcare only during this time.**

**December 26- January 2 - Holiday Break week 2! No School, No Child Care**

**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Day of Spring Semester**