



Seahorse News

Geography Unit

Celebration of Light

Montessori education is Peace education. Montessori guides put together cultural units of study that focus on the commonalities of humans. In this way, children learn how we are alike while celebrating differences.

The Celebration of Light focuses on holidays celebrated around the world through late fall to early January. Each has an element of light or renewal that seems fundamental to all peoples.

Last week we started this study with a focus on Diwali, a Hindu Festival of Light which takes place in October or November each year.

- * We read: Diwali by Trudi Strain Trueit.
- * Drew chalk rangolis on the sidewalk outside the classroom to welcome guests.
- * Colored rangolis and created our own with the metal inset materials.
- * Used magic model clay to shape diyas to hold tea lights to light the way home.

Throughout the next few months we will learn about Hannukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice, and Chinese New Year.

If your family has a special holiday tradition you would like to share with the class please email Suzanne.renouf@keysschools.com.

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Peaceful Morning Tip:

Dr. Montessori believed that each child naturally strives toward independence and that he/she is asking,

“Help me to do it by myself.”

To this end, consider placing a list of items to remember next to the door or on the refrigerator. This list can use pictures or simple words or both.

- Lunch (and let him/her help make/pack)
 - Water bottle
 - Close toed shoes (Fridays)
 - Sweater or long sleeved shirt
 - Backpack

SERVICE

OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKLY:

- DUST SHELVES

MONTHLY:

- WASH
WINDOWS
- CLEAN
CARPET

PLEASE CONTACT MS. SUZANNE FOR DETAILS

ONCE COMPLETE LOG HOURS WITH MS. TONIA.

Snack Reminders:

Week of
November 26:
Ruby

Week of
December 3:
Rivka

Week of
December 10:
Alisa

Week of
December 17:
Zolina

- ◇ The Seahorse Class is a NUT FREE environment.
- ◇ Please No NUTS in lunches or snacks.
- ◇ The following are strong options: ☐
- ◇ Whole fruits and vegetables ☐
- ◇ Foods with higher protein like: hummus, sun butter, cheese, Greek yogurt ☐
- ◇ Whole grain crackers or breads



Happy Thanksgiving

As part of our Peace Curriculum and in preparation for our Thanksgiving holiday, we have been discussing thankfulness and gratitude. As a group we decided we can tell we are feeling grateful when it feels like our bucket is being filled. Please ask your child about one the class' favorite books "Have you Filled a Bucket Today?" and he/she is sure to be able to explain what we mean. Afterward, each child shared what he/she is grateful for this year. Answers ranged from, "my family and my pokemon cards," to "I am grateful for life," and "I am grateful for everything."

After either tracing the words written by an adult or copying them from another page, the lists were put into our gratitude jars. We hope you enjoy them and are able to add your own gratitude lists.

From Ms. Rachel and myself, we wish



Great Reads:

- When to Ask, When to Tell by Maren Schmidt
<https://marenschmidt.com/2018/10/when-to-ask-when-to-tell/>
- Why Kids Benefit from Fewer Toys
<http://thinkabouthnow.com/2017/05/why-kids-benefit-from-fewer-toys/?fbclid=IwAR01zokmqJOxbMuuM9O32pnBWC3pgCSRqW20egXVLTBFoVdSYibEQEU63nM>

Save the Date: Celebration of Light

We hope you can join the Seahorse class for our Celebration of Light on Friday, December 21st from 11:00 to 12:00. Please bring a lunch, the Seahorse class will prepare a relatively healthy dessert to share, before our noon dismissal and holiday break.