

# CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

Wednesday, November 4, 2009.

**TUITION** for the month of November is now past due. If you have not already done so, please pay your child's tuition and include the \$35.00 in your payment. Thank you.

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY** The school will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving. There will be no classes and no child care on those two days.

**HALLOWE'EN CARNIVAL** The weather was wonderful on Saturday for our Carnival, and we had lots of fun! We thank Ms. Dede and Ms. Emily for all their hard work organizing booths & games, prizes, food and music. Also, thanks to the PTO for sponsoring the free lunch, and to all the parents who helped run the booths.

**PTO MEETING** Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00pm.

**BOOK FAIR** Wednesday and Thursday, November 11 & 12.

**PTO SILENT AUCTION** Friday, December 4, 2009.

## **OUTSIDE CLASSROOM**

Due to the non-stop rainy weather lately, we have abandoned plans to visit the Pumpkin Patch, and instead we will visit the Motley Christmas Tree Farm, which has similar activities planned. Parents, please check your child's bag to make sure he/she has warm spare clothing. Also, we are having a problem with wet/soiled clothing being left on hooks. Please check your child's hook daily to make sure there is no dirty clothing to be taken home. Thank you!

## **DOWNSTAIRS CLASS**

We would like to welcome Medha, Kaiden, and Noah to our class. Everyone is fitting right in. This week the children have been talking about their senses. We tasted sweet, salty, and sour things at group-time. Some of the older children have been working on recognizing the number symbols of 0-5.

Please remember to send a picture for show and tell on Friday. Also feel free to send a favorite book to be read at group-time (Just don't forget to label it!) Thanks!

## **UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM**

Please send a cardboard tube from a paper-towel roll so that the children can make a kazoo. The children have enjoyed decorating their drums. We also need metal can tabs.

Many children are writing and reading phonetically. We continue to work on Grace & Courtesy with all of the children.

Please label all of your child's clothing, lunch boxes etc.

## **JUNIOR ELEMENTARY CLASS**

The Juniors continue to enjoy 'leaf-walk' and we are studying birds this month. Please return your response letter concerning our Christmas Tree Project. For the Silent Auction. We still don't have a tree, so I will take the money donations and purchase one.

The Juniors need medium to large sized pine-cones for their bird feeder project. We need sixteen cones. Please send them to school if you can help us thanks!

Thanks for all your help running our booths for the Halloween Carnival.

**CONTROL OF ERROR** Maria Montessori realized that the correct use of Control of error allows children to become independent learners. In all areas of the Montessori curriculum, simply getting something right is never the goal. Rather, the acquisition and refinement of the ability to know when one is making an error; and to know what adjustments or additional learning are necessary, constitutes a higher intellectual level than simply being able to parrot (or even arrive at) a correct answer.