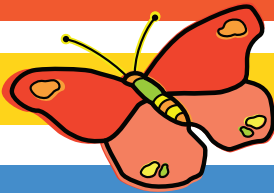


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Delfina washing the window



Classroom Newsletter - February 1, 2013

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Your Incredible Child

As the year progresses, your children are becoming more and more capable of taking care of his/her own belongings. It is now more important than ever to remember to stay on the Kiss & Hug Rug while your child puts away or retrieves his/her things at drop-off or pick-up. Please remind nannies or grandparents of this as well. While we know this is not always a quick process, it is a very important one. Before you know it, taking care of his/her own belongings will become a habit.

Auction Project-Toddler Style!

If you haven't heard, MSD's Annual Auction is an event not-to-be-missed! One of the great appeals, besides great food, friends and fun, is that your child will be participating in creating an incredible piece of art. This masterpiece will be auctioned off (YES! Live Auction!!) to the highest bidder. We already have a couple of volunteers to help us put it together. Look for pictures of this work-of-art in progress, then prepare to bid on this masterpiece in April—sure to be just right for your living room decor!

Our care of the children should be governed not by the desire to "make them learn things", but by the endeavor always to keep burning within them the light which is called intelligence.
~Maria Montessori

Upcoming Events:

Family Ice Skating Party!

Sun, Feb. 3, 1:30-3:30pm

Denver Country Club

Get ready for a fun day on the ice rink with your MSD friends!

Dads Night Out!

Wed, Feb. 6, 6:30pm,

MSD Dads, check your email for your invitation and to RSVP!

Catch the Buzz Coffee: *Book Group*

Fri, Feb. 8, 8:30am, Library

Join us for a book group discussion on our Staff summer 2012 professional development books including *Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard* by Dan and Chip Heath, *The Price of Privilege* by Madeline Levine, *Quiet: the Power of Introverts* by Susan Cain, *Cinderella Ate My Daughter* by Peggy Orenstein, and yes, even *Imagine* by Jonah Lehrer. Coffee will be served and Parent Ed Work Bond awarded.

Parent Ed: *Program Focus*

Tues, Feb. 12, 6:30pm

Come and learn more about the MSD curriculum, educational philosophy and glean some parenting-tips at one of the four program level talks on this special night. Faculty from Toddler, Primary, Lower and Upper Elementary will each be giving a presentation on a topic of interest.

Winter Break - No School

Feb. 15-18

Have a wonderful President's Day weekend with your family!

A gift from our hearts

Every year the entire MSD community participates in a wonderful service-learning project. On Friday, February 11, please remember to bring donations for **The Gathering Place/ Betsy's Cupboard**. This MSD service-learning project led by the Upper Elementary students is always greatly appreciated by the residents of The Gathering Place. Watch Friday Folders for a list of accepted items as the date gets closer. Please put items in a bag and drop them off when you drop off your child, or bring them directly to the main office. Donations will be accepted until 9am on February 11. If you have any questions please contact Carole Baran at 303-756-9441 Ext. 13 or cbaran@msd-co.org

Speaking of Valentine's Day. . .

Some of you have asked how we celebrate Valentine's Day with the Toddlers. The answer is by keeping the routine of the day the same. Your children are very content with the work they do every day, and are happy to keep things the same. We will be singing songs about friends and showing our love and affection in the usual ways.



Eva working with knobbed cylinders

