



# Sparkle Montessori

Newsletter - January 2017



Dear Sparkle families,

Happy New Year and Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you enjoyed your winter break and are prepared for the new year.

December was short but fun filled month ending with our Winter Concert. Special thanks to all of you for attending the Winter Concert. It couldn't have been done without you.

January is our transition month and we are happy to see many children moving up to new classes.

Thanks,  
The Sparkle Montessori Team

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## Room 1

In January, our focus will be on **matching colors**. We will be working on some **self-help skills** too. For our older children, we will be focusing on **drinking from open cups** and being able to **put on and take off a jacket**. Our younger children will be learning where their individual belongings go and hanging their coats properly.

## Room 2

In the New Year, will work towards getting our children ready for elementary school.

We will focus on math and language during Montessori time. The children will learn **how to make words, and simple sentences** with Montessori jobs. They will also learn how to **solve math problems** with our Montessori materials.

We will devote time to learn about **measurements and comparisons**. We will learn short vowels, some long vowels, beginning sounds, and ending sounds. We will learn to build short sentences.

## Room 3

For the month of January, we will be focusing and working closely with each child on **writing and recognizing the letters "l" and "m" and the numbers 8, 9, and 10**. We will be reviewing letters "a" through "m" and numbers 1 to 10.

The art for next month will be based on our theme, "The Four Seasons". One craft will also be based on the letters in the child's name. **Name recognition** will be a focus this month. Children will be encouraged to **recognize their personal hook and cubbies**.

Lastly, we will continue to work on good manners by remembering to say "please", "thank you", and by raising our hand when we would like to speak.

## Room 4

In Science, we will start January by learning about the **seasons**.

In Geography, we will continue learning about the **states and their names**.

In Language, Group A will be encouraged to write independently and learn **upper case and lower case letters, phonics and numbers up to 30**. Group B will be continue practicing tracing both upper and lower case letters and numbers. This month we will be working on letters H I J K.

This month our class will do crafts about seasons.

### Looking back.....

December was a very festive month. Our children learnt how countries across the world celebrate Christmas. They also learnt about Hanukkah.

The Christmas concert was wonderful. Preparing the children for the concert was a joyful experience and to see the smiles on parent faces while watching the concert was a heartwarming experience for us.

We want to say a very special Thank you to **Mr. Sudarsan Mohan Paragiri, Reyansh's dad**, for being **Santa!!!** The children were elated to see Santa at school!

A big Thank you to **Aman's mom Angavai, Aria's Mom Hemal, Eshaana's mom Rekha and Ayush's mom Rachna**, for clicking pictures for the Winter Concert. Please visit our Facebook page to see these pictures.

### Theme of the month: January

During this month, our children will be learning about the seasons. We will be talking about animals, food and fun facts of each season.

Did You know?

- When we in the Northern Hemisphere, experience Summer and are at the beach, people in the Southern Hemisphere people are freezing in winter!!!
- Children grow more in Spring
- The Eiffel Tower grows up to 6 inches in Summer

We will also be talking about Martin Luther King.

### Mark your calendar

16 Jan

Martin Luther King Day

### Some Gentle Reminders....

- Please help us ensure smooth flow of traffic by not talking on the phone when you are still in the parking lot.
- Fridays are show and tell (sharing days). It is important that something can be learned from the item the child is sharing. Please refrain from sending toys. We encourage handmade arts and crafts.
- Each child has a folder for his/her work. Please remember to take your child's last week's work home every Friday from his/her folder.
- Please avoid any gold jewelry on your child. The school is not responsible for any lost ornaments.
- We are a "Nut free" campus. Please keep this in mind in your decisions about food for your child.
- Please make sure your child's nails are trimmed at all times.

### VERY IMPORTANT

- Please ensure that you hang your child's bag/jacket on his/her hook ONLY. This will be very helpful for us to track individual items.
- We recommend not to make the children wear hair clips as they take it out and put it in their mouth may injure themselves. Cloth hairbands and rubber bands are recommended.
- Please refrain from making your child wear shoes with light in them. It is very distracting for your child and the entire class.
- The disabled parking is for use only by cars that have a valid sticker.

### THANKYOU

- For signing in and out regularly
- For making sure to close the front gate while entering and before leaving the facility.