



Sapphire Newsletter

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Dear Sapphire Families:

Students have chosen their parts for the holiday performance. Each student has been given specific information regarding attire for his/her role. Please be sure to look over the notice and inquire if you need any clarification. We will be practicing daily and would appreciate any props to be brought to school on Monday, if possible. The performance will take place on Dec 8th from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Fellowship Hall (Club M facility after school). Thank you.

In an effort to extend a friendly hand to students in the Diamond class, students are encouraged to earn a dollar to purchase a "holiday gram" for a student in the Diamond class. The 4/5/6 classes will be selling them before and after school all week and deliveries will take place the week of Dec 12th.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

As we get closer to the Winter Break, we will utilize these weeks to assess your students in the different areas of the classroom. Your children are continuing to develop their sense of order, concentration, control of movement and independence as they choose their jobs in the classroom. Then, upon our return from the break, we will continue assessing to get an accurate sense of your child's progress in the specific areas of the Montessori classroom, as such formal lessons will resume later in January.

Kudos:

Thank you, Yolanda, for organizing crafts and goodies to sell at the Craft Fair. Thank you parents who were able to make and prepare the delicious apples and who donated money or materials. Please support her efforts by purchasing your child's personalized plate and ornament. Stop by the Craft Fair and purchase some homemade treats! All proceeds go directly to curriculum materials for our Sapphire class.

We can be reached at jbullock@cacmp.org or (916) 714-9699 and leave a message.



Curriculum

On Monday, your students will be making a family tree during their cultural lesson time. Please send in pictures or names of each member of your nuclear family (that is, mom, dad, brothers, sisters) for your child to use.

This month we will be starting week long Me Museum. Each student has been assigned a week to be able to present artifacts, pictures, special books, etc. that tell about themselves. If possible, we would like to encourage students to bring and share (19 students) a favorite snack or food or prepare and share an art or craft during fun Friday. Please help your child decide and prepare this Friday sharing. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to "teach" his/her fellow students about something special to him/her. Mark your calendar because each student will get one turn until the end of the school year.

Our afternoon cultural lessons will focus on the following:

- Thurs: Parts of a Tree
- Fri: Music / Art
- Mon: Family Tree
- Tue: USA States
- Wed: Rehearsal

Reminders

Check the calendar	Week long Me Museum
Dec 1 2:00 pm	7 Habits Training
Dec 8 5-7 pm	Holiday Performance
Dec 15	B St. Theatre "Snow Queen"
Dec 16 11:45 am	Minimum Day
Dec 19 – Jan 6	Winter Break

Your Sapphire Team,
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