

Aspen Class

Upcoming Dates & Events

- **Thursday, 12/8**
2/3 Field Trip to the
Aerospace Museum &
American River Trail
- **Friday, 12/9**
Fairy Tale Book
Report due
- **Friday, 12/16**
Noon Dismissal
- **Monday, 12/19-
Friday, 1/6/12**
Winter Break:
See you in 2012!
- **Friday, 1/13/12**
Assembly and
Spirit day: Fig
- **Monday, 1/16/12**
Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day-Holiday

A Note from the Teachers:

Shhhh! It is a secret! Many of our Aspen students have chosen to participate in the "Winter Buddy" Activity. If your child chose to participate, the name of their buddy was handed out in last week's green folder. Do not worry, Mrs. Fagan has a list of buddy names if you need help. ☺ Last Friday, students wrote an appreciation for their winter buddies and put it in the frog box, which was shared during a class meeting. By December 9th a card of encouragement should be written and designed at home and sneaked into the buddy's cubby or put under the frog box for delivery. On December 16, we will have a Winter Buddy gift exchange. Please spend no more than five dollars. Students are encouraged to make something or purchase something their winter buddy

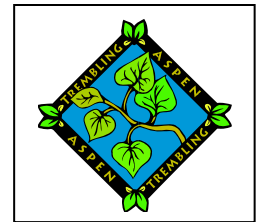
would enjoy. Parents, please help your child be an ambassador of grace, courtesy and appreciation.

From our CMP Family Handbook, "CMP's religious holiday policy was developed based on the shared commitment of respect for individual religious beliefs expressed in the constitutional guarantee of religious liberty. This means that CMP neither promotes nor inhibits religious belief or non-belief. Because Montessori classrooms are rich in cultural lessons and materials, CMP takes into account the role of religion in history and cultures. CMP policy allows for the study of religious holidays in our schools as opportunities for teaching about religions of various cultures and societies. Such study is to serve the academic goals of educating students about history and cultures, as well as learning about the traditions of particular

religions within a pluralistic society."

The 2/3 Toys for Tots receiving box is available in front of the office for your generous donation of a new toy to a needy boy or girl. Thank you for your help this season.

Mrs. Fagan + Ms. Yarbrough



A Quote from Maria Montessori

"We especially need imagination in science.
It is not all mathematics, nor all logic, but it is
somewhat beauty and poetry."

Healthy snack suggestion for the week:

**Baby carrots,
red bell
pepper, and
celery sticks
with a cream
cheese or
ranch dip.**

Homework: (Parents:
please check your child's
work for accuracy)

Spelling: Lesson 12

Math: Math 4 Today
(Recommendation: 1 row,
front and back, per day)

Reading: 20 minutes per
night; please write book
on the front of the planner

Practical Life:

**Fairy Tale Book Report
project due: Friday, 12/9**

Cultural Studies: Celebrations Around the World

Las Posadas
Christmas
Bodie Day
Winter Solstice
Hanukkah
Ramadan

Aspen Class Managers

12/5: Faith
12/12: Vinny
1/9: Ruby
1/16: Ryan B
1/23: Raegan
1/30: Lucas

*For a lovely touch,
class managers are
asked to please
bring in flowers for
our table vases.*