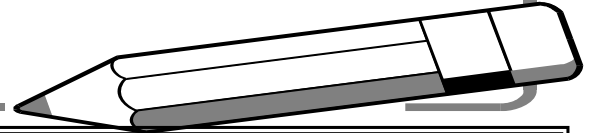


# Laurel News

December 5, 2011



## A Note from the Teachers:

Last week in Laurel: In Language, we focused on apostrophes and contractions. Ask your child what those words mean in Latin and Greek. Students also wrote wonderful paragraphs about their holiday breaks. In math, we worked on time as well as multiplication with the stamp game. As always, each student did their individualized lesson plan each day; that is the backbone of the Montessori philosophy.

Book Reports: Prior to Friday, please rehearse with your child. It will help him or her be really successful!

**Holiday Spirit:** This year we are going to embrace the Toys for Tots program. There is a cardboard box next to the office to drop off new, unwrapped toys.

Field Trip: We'll be going on another field trip this Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, to the Air and Space Museum. If you are planning on driving, please make sure all of your requirements are in. Things often expire without our knowledge. Thanks!

**Secret Pal:** Our secret pal gift exchange will be next week, 12/12-12/16.

Holidays: This week we studied Hannakuh and were treated to Latkes made by Ms. Witwer. They were scrumptious and the kids learned a lot about this Jewish tradition. The kids played Dreidle as well!

Cultural: Students practiced differentiating trees during a wonderful outdoor botany lesson. They also studied annelids, with an emphasis on earthworms. If you ask them, they will tell you all about them!

Ms. Witwer and Mr. Tom

## Dates to Remember

12/8/11 Field Trip-Air and Space Museum

12/9/11 Book Reports Due-Fairy Tale

12/12/11 Secret Person Week

12/16/11 Minimum Day

Our special person this week was Timothy. We were lucky to see a lot of great sharing from him. He has a wonderful telescope! Timothy also really likes Star Wars and Legos and we saw some of his action figures and Lego skeletons! Thanks Timothy.

Coming up:

12/5/11 Wyatt

12/12/11 Zach

Accelerated Reader: Wow, we really stepped up the Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes this week. We have set a goal to reach by the holiday break and we're well on our way. Please give praise to your child when they bring home the results from AR quizzes. They are very important and a great way to improve reading, comprehension, and vocabulary!

## Homework and Assignments

**Spelling:** Lesson 12

**Reading:** 20 minutes/night-please fill out your reading logs

**Conceptual math:** In purple folders

**Math Facts:** 3 minutes per night

## **Student work:**

**From Madeline:**

**“My least favorite character was Gaston. He seemed like a very mean and selfish person and he almost killed the beast. I almost cried. The person who played him was very good at the role. Another reason I didn’t like him was because he kept hitting, slapping, and kicking his helper. I think he needs to learn to be nicer. He wore a yellow shirt with black pants, a belt, and a knife. For some reason he was very popular in the town that he lived in. In all, he was a very interesting character.**