

Montessori Pathways School

November 2009

Mini-News

The change in seasons has made its impact. Falling leaves and temperatures cannot be ignored. Fall is here! The children have participated in many fall activities. They have tasted different varieties of apples, made apple prints, did apple work to identify different varieties of apples and parts of the apple work. The children have also done leaf stamping, listened to the story of falling leaves and looked for signs of fall in our back yard.

Harms Farm

Thanks to all of you for coming to the Harms Farm that cold day. The weather didn't help us during the Halloween Party, but we hope that the children and parents had a great time at Harms Farm.

Music Development Class

We are excited to tell you that we have started new Music Development Class in our school. The class will be held every Wednesday morning by our new music teacher, Ms. Nina Kogan. Ms. Nina has many years of experience teaching this class to various child day care centers/schools. During the class, the kids will learn children's songs; rhythmic and dance movements; play children's music instruments; listen to music and more.

H1N1 Flu shots

Many of you have been asking about the possibility of the H1N1 vaccination in our school. We have contacted the Centegra Health System and McHenry County Department of Health to have the school clinic at Montessori Pathways School. We are on the list of the schools to have the school clinic; unfortunately, the School District 155 is the last district to have the vaccination (the order was set based on the lottery). As soon as the vaccine becomes available, the Centegra Health System will contact the schools to schedule the school clinic based on that order.

School Birthday Board

Starting November, we plan to post pictures of "birthday kids" on our new "Happy Birthday" board. The pictures will be updated monthly. We will take the pictures of the kids at school. You may also bring your own picture of your child (size 2"x3"). There will be a small gift from the school for every birthday kid.

If you do not want your child's photo to be posted on the board, please let us know. In this case, we will simply write the child's name on the board.

Winter Clothing

During the winter months, provide an extra pair of shoes to be kept at school. Simple gym shoes, ballet shoes, rubber soled slippers or water- shoes are easiest for children to put on and remove. When shopping for winter gear, please be sure that your child can zip the coat zipper before purchasing the coat. Boots that **DO NOT** need to be tied at the top or have a removable lining are easier for children. We would suggest waterproof mittens since they are easier than gloves for a child to handle. They also provide more protection against the wet and the cold.

Winter Wonder Camp

Have you ever wondered what animals and birds do in the winter?

Have you ever wondered what goes on under the ice?

Come to Montessori Pathways Winter Wonder Camp and find out.

- crafts
- songs
- habitat study
- winter science
- storytelling
- winter frolics
- and more

December 21th, 22nd and 23rd

December 28th, 29th and 30th

Additional information about Winter Camp will come