



Moultrie Montessori Newsletter

November 2016

“In November, the trees are standing all sticks and bones. Without their leaves, how lovely they are, spreading their arms like dancers. They know it is time to be still.”

– Cynthia Rylant

<u>Dates to Remember</u>	
Tuesday, November 1 st	Monthly Tuition Due
Friday, November 11 th	No School - Veteran’s Day Holiday
Tuesday, November 22 nd at 11:00 am	Family Thanksgiving Feast & Early Release
Wednesday-Friday, November 23-25, 2016	Thanksgiving Holiday

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Donations Requested</u></p> <p>We are in need of more mulch please.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;"><i>Good to Know!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: orange;">School Phone Number is 904-826-0216</p> <p>Please call or email Jeannie when your child is going to be absent or tardy.</p> <p>Leave a message if no one answers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Director’s Note from Miss Jeannie</u></p> <p>I am very much looking forward to our FAMILY THANKSGIVING POTLUCK, my favorite event of the year. I love that we all get together and celebrate our gratitude for the wonderful families at Moultrie Montessori and for the opportunity to work with your precious children. It means a lot to me that you entrust their education and well-being to us. I and the other teachers take great pleasure in participating in and watching their learning and growth and development.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please join us at 11:00 on Tuesday, November 23rd and bring a favorite dish to share. The children will perform a short program at 11:00 and the meal will follow.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; color: orange;">Family Thanksgiving Feast</p> <p>Tuesday, November 22nd at 11:00 am</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <p>Please bring a dish to share.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">We need extra tables and chairs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Community Events</i></p> <p>Our ‘Practical Life Parent Gathering’ was a wonderful meeting. Jeannie, Alexine, and Lisa shared and modeled Practical Life Lessons and Theories. Thank you to the teachers and the families in attendance!</p> <p>Follow the Facebook Group ‘Moultrie Montessori Community’ for notes and tidbits from the meeting.</p>
<p>The children will have a presentation before the meal.</p>	<p>The next community gathering will cover Montessori Sensorial Activities. Have you heard your child talk about the Pink Tower? Come and see what it is and how it applies to our everyday lives. Learn and touch the Geometric Solids yourselves. Stay tuned for a date in Early December for our next</p>

NEW WEBSITE!!! - <http://www.moultriemontessori.com/>

Check out the new school website. It has a wealth of information for current families and those interested in learning more about our special school.

Montessori Beliefs and Practices

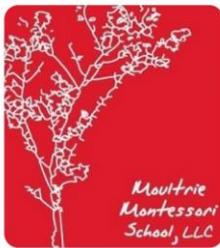
Watch this video for a perspective on Montessori Schools vs. Conventional Schools.

Trevor Eissler "Montessori Madness!" - 321 FastDraw

<https://youtu.be/GcgN0IEh5IA>



Please Join the new FaceBook Group, Moultrie Montessori Community. We are sharing school events, newsletters, reminders, and related happenings here.



Thank you for the puzzle donations!

Holiday Gift Shopping?

Consider purchasing items from websites with Montessori Resources.

<http://www.forsmallhands.com/>

- If you purchase from here a percentage and/or credit is shared with our school. Enter school code 220 220 when checking out.

<http://www.michaelolaf.com/>

- The catalog has beautiful written text about child development, Montessori philosophy, and Montessori at home.

Sensorial Activities

Montessori sensorial activities are those which refine the five senses – tactile, visual, auditory, olfactory, and gustatory senses.

Children are particularly receptive to developing their senses from ages 2-6, and it's important to give children at those ages as many sensorial experiences as possible.

Montessori sensorial materials are carefully designed. Whether purchased or handmade, they follow basic Montessori principles. They **isolate the quality** (for example, the geometric shapes introduced are the same color and only vary in shape). They have a **control of error** (for example, the child will not be able to fit all the cylinders properly into a cylinder block if one is out of place). They **prepare the child indirectly for future learning** (for example, many of the sensorial activities come with ten pieces as an indirect preparation for the decimal system).

From <http://livingmontessorinow.com/montessori->

Rally for Rugs

Our school needs a new area rug. As a school family, we can rally together to raise the \$500 needed for the rug. If each family donates \$5 or \$10 to the cost of the rug, that donation will be generously matched by the Weber/McGarrigle Family, up to \$250. Your donation to this expense will have a significant impact every day as our children learn and play at school. Our goal is to have the funds raised by November 23rd. Please consider joining Weber/McGarrigle family to make this purchase a reality by giving your donation to Miss Jeannie.

Thank you!