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Rainbow Notes

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Sound of the Week

Dec. 5 & 6 – “J”
Dec. 12 & 13 – “W”

Jan 3 & 4 – “E”
Jan 9 & 10 – “L”
Jan 17 & 18 – “K”
Jan 23 & 24 – “X”
Jan 30 & 31 – “U”

From Thanksgiving

We took several boxes of food to the Parker Food Bank. Thank you.

Renaissance Montessori Academy closes for the Winter Holidays at 11:30, Friday, December 16.

We will be very busy during our last morning before Christmas. We will use a lot of time to gather the gifts and decorations we have made for home. Please be sure to pick them up. Then we will celebrate in fun & stories with Ms. Beth. Please be ready to check out your child at 11:30.

There will be no aftercare on that day.

Calendar of Events

- Dec 15 Holiday program 7:00- (concert for the parents by the children of RMA)
- Dec 16 ½ day school – Winter Holiday Break begins
Children need to be picked up by 11:30 a.m.
- Dec 19-Jan 2 Winter Holiday break
- Jan 3, 2012 School resumes**
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King Holiday (Closed)
- Jan 19 Montessori Kindergarten: *“What is the advantage for my child?” Parents Only, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.*
- Feb 14 Teddy Bear Picnic (for Valentine’s day)
- Feb 17 Teacher Work Day, Friday (no students)
- Feb 20 Presidents’ Day Holiday (Closed)




The Giving Tree


The Giving Tree has become a tradition in our school. Every year during the Christmas season we sponsor a family or elderly members of our community who are recommended by the Visiting Nurses Association. In every instance these are families and individuals whose entire income is used on health needs and basic

subsistence. We are given this opportunity to add the blessings.

The children’s decorations on the tree carry the desires and needs for the elderly this winter:

-  **Hope House for Seniors** has requested general items for the resident men there: Razors, Hats (one size fits all), Gloves (L)
After shave lotion Underwear - Long (Med., Large.)
Bar Soap Books (for the community library)
Book store gift cards Food Store gift cards

We also have three senior individuals who can use our help:

-  **Shirley** would like: Gift cards to Target and King Soopers
A set of Teflon coated cooking utensils Kitchen towel
A knee length robe with snap front Soaps Body lotion
Slippers (size 7) 2-3 sets of white socks (5-9 size)



Richard has asked for

- A sweat shirt (XL) Size 12 lace up shoes
- (XL) T shirts – Long sleeved
- (XL) T shirts – short sleeved Tea pot
- Variety of teas Socks
- Gift cards from Walmart and food stores.



John needs

- T shirts (L) dress shirt (L) Pants (32x29)
- gift cards from WallMart/food stores
- Queen size sheets /Queen blanket or comforter
- Cordless phone with base and one extension

If you have the resources to reach out to another, please take a decoration from the tree. Attach the decoration with the name of the recipient to the outside of the wrapped gift and place it under the tree by the time of our party on Thursday, December 15. Thank you for your generosity in joining with us in this outreach to those in our community who can't help themselves.



WINTER CONCERT

Thursday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.

We have been practicing diligently for our holiday concert. I'm sure that you will be hearing snatches of the songs as the children anticipate the culmination of this season.

Please set aside the evening of December 15 to listen to beautiful voices and enjoy the evening.

Our program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Children should be in their classrooms by 6:45.

We will use this music:

- Jingle Bells*
- Dance with Me*
- Frosty*
- Santa Claus is Coming to Town*
- I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas*
- A Christmas Skit by the Kindergarten class*
- Rudolph*
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas*



Please bring a favorite dessert, cheese tray or fruit dish to share after the concert. The sign-up sheets will be by the front doors next week. The teachers will supply the holiday libations: eggnog, hot spiced cider, and cranberry juice punch.



More than a Concert:

Our preparation for the concert goes beyond our music. It includes the manners we use when we are with groups of people.

We teach them that we do not scream across the room when we are playing - especially in a room with an echo. "A scream is a special way of calling to someone. It is not a voice for fun. A scream means 'I'm in danger' or 'I'm hurt. I need help right now!' We tell them that on the playground we can be loud and shout to each other. Inside the classroom we walk and use quiet voices. In the Great Room we can play with our friends, but we still use quiet voices. And we never scream unless we are in danger."

The evening of the concert, please continue these lessons with your child. Don't let them run and scream in the Great Room after they have had their cookies and punch. Remind them as many times as necessary to use their quiet voices. And do not let them play on the risers. One fall can ruin a winter holiday.

During the concert we also ask your help in demonstrating the respect that we require our students to give to performers; *please remind your older children and any visitors who have come with you to not talk while the children are singing or during the skit.* Older children should not sit in the front and try to distract the performers. You and your guests are here to enjoy the effort put forth by these young students.

We teach our children by our own actions. Please show them the respect we ask them to give to others during "show and tell." The teachers cannot do this by themselves. Thank you for helping us teach this lesson and make the evening a beautiful one.

*From the entire staff
of
Renaissance
Montessori
Academy
And
The Board of Directors*

*We wish you and your
family
a peaceful, joyous holiday.*

