

**Classroom Quotes:**

“Can I go out to the playground when I’m one hundred?”  
-child putting on coat before going out to the playground

“This is as easy as scrubbing a dog!!”  
-child working on the rock scrubbing choice

“ I did it!!”  
-heard repeatedly as children discover their own capabilities

November and December have been active months in our classroom! The children are deepening their concentration levels and making wonderful choices.

**Music and Movement:**

In our large group line time, the children have enjoyed new songs, games and oral storytelling. Some favorites:

Please Pass the Peas and Snowflake by Carole Peterson

Brown Bear/Brown Bear by Eric Carle (performed as a play on the line)

The Indian Ribbon Dance by Kathy Poelker

“I’ll Tell You A Story “ by Bev Bos (Storytelling CD)

**In The Classroom:****Practical Life:**

Holiday Sorting  
Making Cornucopias  
Ladling  
Mashing Potatoes  
Making Pudding  
Polishing Silver  
Suds Whipping  
Table Scrubbing  
Paper Button Sewing

**Science and Geography:**

Absorbent/Nonabsorbent  
Wild/Domestic Animals  
Parts of a Spider  
North American Map  
Presidents/Election  
Land/Air/Water Animals  
Continent Books

**Language:**

Vowel Work  
Sign Language

4 Letter Word Cards with Pictures

Story Building

Number Worksheets

Handwriting Worksheets

**Math:**

Bell Counting

Bead Stair

Stripboard Addition

Bank Game Addition/Multiplication

Multiplication Cabinet

Bead Cabinet (all squaring  
and cubing chains)

Calendar

**Sensorial and Art:**

Painting Still Life of Cornucopia

Collage

Color Matching/Objects and Pictures

Trinomial Cube

Mystery Bags

Geometric Cabinet

Geometric Solids

\* Please note these are just a sampling of the wide range of choices available in the classroom. Your child may not have had *all* of these lessons yet but these choices are within the prepared environment to be introduced when it will be most beneficial to the individual student.

### **Gratitude:**

Thank you to Anna-Kate and Claire's mom and Ella's mom for your help making classroom materials.

Thank you to Liam and family for kitchen juicer, mixer and grater. We've already put them to good use!

We would like to thank all of you for your continued support of your children and their classroom. Thank you for the insight you've provided in our conferences.

**Congratulations** to new big sisters, Audrey and Ada !

(Welcome to the planet Theo and Boone.) Also congratulations to Mrs. Crovo on the birth of her granddaughter Chloe.

### **Special Guest:**

The morning class was entertained at an in school field trip. Mr. Anthony Redfeather Nava shared his Native American Culture through music, dress and an interactive story. The children then sensorial experienced over 300 artifacts in a mini museum. Some of the favorites were drums, corn grinding and examining arrowheads. It was both educational and fun.

The afternoon class was surprised by a visit from Mr. Redfeather Nava during line time. His authentic native attire made quite an impression on the children.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Friday, December 19-Holiday Open House (see attached flyer)

Monday, January 5-Classes resume after winter break

Monday, January 19-Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No school)

Friday, February 6-Third year conferences for a.m. program (No school a.m. and p.m.)

Friday, February 13-Third year conferences for p.m. program (No school a.m. and p.m.)

## **Enjoy your winter break!**

*"The child is endowed with unknown powers, which can guide us to a radiant future. If what we really want is a new world, then education must take as its aim the development of these hidden possibilities."*

*Maria Monterssori  
(The Absorbent Mind)*

