



Miniapple Int'l Montessori-Roseville

December 2015 Newsletter

From the Director's Chair:

Our Winter Program & Potluck Social will be on Fri., Dec. 18th at the Roseville Area Middle School at 6:30 p.m. Please drop off the children in the school's cafeteria by 6:15. Miniapple will be closing at 5:30 p.m. in order for the staff to prepare for the program.

Upcoming Holiday Closing Dates: Miniapple will be closed for Christmas on Thurs., 12/24 & Fri., 12/25 and for the New Year on Thurs., 12/31 & Fri., 1/1. Sign- up sheets will be posted outside of the classrooms; please let us know what your child's schedule will be during these weeks, so that we can plan for appropriate staffing. Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!

A big thank you for all of your contributions for our Thanksgiving Feast. The children really enjoyed a day where they could come together and all share a common meal.

On Wed. Dec. 2nd, Ms. Barb, our former music teacher will be here at school selling her newest CD. Please stop by and say Hello and check out her new CD. It would make a great gift for the Holidays.

Word of mouth is a great way for families to hear all about our program. Miniapple is offering \$50.00 off one month of your child's tuition if you refer a family and they enroll with Miniapple.

Happy Holidays

Lisa & Cindy



Infant House 1

The Thanksgiving Feast went really well last month. Thank you to all of those who participated. The babies loved all the food! Last month we had a few babies move-up to the Toddler classroom. We wish them all the best in their new adventures. We also welcomed another little Olivia into our room. Please take some time to say hello to her and her family. The month of December is going to be a busy one. We are going to have quite a few babies visiting our room throughout the month, and they will all be starting in January. We will have a full house! In addition, the babies have been practicing their songs for the upcoming program. The Winter Program will be held on Friday, December 18th at 6:30pm. Please dress-up your child in brown for the program. Be sure to arrive no later than 6:15pm at the Roseville Area Middle School. Please drop your child off with the infant staff in the cafeteria located on the main level prior to the program. The show starts at 6:30pm sharp, and the babies go on first. After the infants have performed you will be able to pick your child up from the stage to enjoy the rest of the show.

The holidays are fast approaching! Please let us know your holiday vacation plans, or if your child will be out at all around the holidays so we can staff accordingly. Thank you for your help in this planning.



Important dates for this month:

December 18th = Winter Program at Roseville Area Middle School at 6:30pm

December 24th and 25th = School closed for Christmas

December 31st and January 1st = School closed for the New Year.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any of the staff. We all want to wish you a Very Happy Holiday season!

Marie, Michelle, & Kathy

Infant House 2

Welcome to December! I hope everyone is staying warm and enjoying the beginning of their holiday season. We had a great start to our holiday season at our Thanksgiving potluck last month; thank you again to everyone that contributed. The kids loved all of the food! December is a very busy month as we have quite a few exciting things to look forward to. The first major event this month is that our friend Mia will be moving up to toddlers at the end of the month, just before the holidays. We wish her the best of luck in the toddler room!

Also coming up in December is our Winter program. The program will be held on **Friday, December 18th at 6:30pm at Roseville Area Middle School**. We will be meeting in the cafeteria (located on the main level) and we ask that you please have your child there no later than **6:15pm** so that we can get them prepped for the show! The infants are the first to go on, and you will be able to pick up your child from the stage directly following their performance to enjoy the rest of the show. We are also asking that all infants please dress in **BROWN** to match our reindeer theme! There will be a potluck following the program.

Throughout the month, you may see a few new faces in our room. We will be welcoming a handful of new infants in January, so we will be doing our visits throughout the month of December. In addition, we have just recently welcomed Susan as an aide in our room. Susan will be joining us full time as the new infants arrive. Susan has worked for Miniapple in the past, and we are excited to welcome her back. Welcome, Susan!

As we near our holiday season, please let us know if your child will be out during the holidays so that we can plan staff accordingly. Thank you!

Important dates to remember:

- December 18th – Winter Program: 6:30pm at Roseville Area Middle School
- December 24th and December 25th – Miniapple closed for Christmas
- December 31st and January 1st – Miniapple closed for the new year

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

Jessica, Deena, and Susan



Seasons Greetings

Toddler House I



Happy Holidays everyone! It's hard to believe that the holidays and the end of the year are already here.

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. Our Thanksgiving Feast was a hit with the kids. We would like to say thank you to all the families.

Our Winter Program will be on Friday Dec., 18th at the Roseville Middle School. Please have your child in the cafeteria by 6:15pm - we're asking that your child dress up in black.

MIM will be closed Dec. 24 – 25 for Christmas and Dec. 31 -Jan 1 for the New Year. Please keep us posted about any upcoming days you will not be attending this month so that we can staff accordingly. Thanks!

We want to welcome Mia and her family to our classroom. We look forward to getting to know you. We have some sad "Good-byes" this month - we say Bye to Lincoln as he moves up to Ms. Emily's room and to Sebastian whose family is moving out of the Roseville area. We will miss them but wish them all the best. We would also like to welcome Ms. Allison to our classroom as well.

THINGS TO HAVE AT SCHOOL EVERYDAY: A winter jacket, snow pants, boots, a hat, and 2 pair of waterproof mittens*ALL LABELED* Our cubby closet gets very "full" during the winter season. Having everything LABELED will help with things getting lost. Thanks for your help!

Another wintry note: If it's wet outside, please take your shoes/boots off before entering our classroom. This helps reduce the "slip factor" and keeps our floor dry and clean for our friends. Please place your child's wet boots on our shoe shelf outside of our classroom. Thanks! The letters of the month will be C- Christmas, H - Hanukkah, K- Kwanza.

If any questions or concerns should arise, feel free to talk with us at any time. We are always open for comments or suggestions.

Ho ho ho hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

Thanks,
Michelle, Kayla and Allison

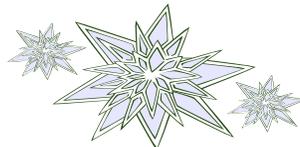
Toddler House II

Happy December everyone! We had a fantastic time discussing and celebrating Thanksgiving! The kids loved having the special Thanksgiving lunch, and all did a very good job of trying everything! We will continue to discuss the meaning of the upcoming holidays and look forward to playing with snow and building snowmen! With snow just around the corner and temperatures falling, please remember to dress your children in warm clothing as well as stocking weather appropriate spare clothes. We WILL be going outside as much as possible - please make sure they have hats, gloves (TWO PAIRS!), snow-pants, boots and jackets EACH day! EVERYTHING MUST BE LABELED! – This helps us keep track of things when they get put in the wrong cubby! Also, please remember that your child's boots are to stay on the rug OUTSIDE the classroom and not worn inside. This helps to keep our floors clean, dry and safe. We do wear shoes inside for safety reasons, so please have a pair of inside shoes or slippers for them to wear in the classroom as well.



We will miss our friend Simrat, who will be gone the month of December, but will be very excited to welcome her back in January! As we progress into the holiday season, there are a few dates to remember. Our Winter program will be held at the Roseville Middle School on December 18th. We ask that the children are at the school NO later than 6:15pm - the show will start at 6:30. Please have them wear black and white. Miniapple will be closed December 24th and 25th for Christmas as well as December 31st and January 1st for New Years. Please let me know if you have any planned vacations or days where your child will not be at school so that we can plan staff accordingly. As always, I am always here if you have any questions or concerns! Thank you, have a wonderful holiday season and may 2016 bring wonderful new adventures!

Ms. Sarah



Children's House I



Winter has arrived! Please remember to send snow pants, boots, 2 pairs of waterproof mittens, a hat, and a jacket every day. We will go outside as much as possible if the weather allows. Keep all of these things in your child's cubby. Please also send a pair of "inside shoes" or slippers for your child to keep at school and wear in the classroom. THANK YOU!!

Your child is responsible for working to put on all this gear before outside playtime at school, you can (and should!) expect the same from your child at home!

Our school day begins at 8:30 am. Please plan to arrive to school by this time. If you arrive late, please say your goodbyes at the door of the classroom and send your child into the room quietly. This will cut back on interruptions and allow the children already hard at work to keep concentrating on their work. This concentration is fragile for some and easily broken.

If you notice any of the materials from the classroom come home, please return them. The children see these little items as TREASURES and it is natural for them to want to take them home.

Some of the activities on our shelves will change. Our Practical Life activities change monthly -- we will enjoy cranberry stringing and coffee grinding. Contributions to this area of the class are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your support.

Our Winter Program is on Friday, December 18. Please be at the Roseville Middle School by 6:15pm. If you are unable to make it please let us know. The children have been hard at work practicing songs and making props. There will be a pot-luck to follow.

REMINDER: School will be closed December 24, 25, 30 and January 1.

Happy Holidays --- Ms. Emily & Ms. Kyanna

Children's House II

* Happy Birthday to Eva Fiebiger and Agam Dhillon *

It's December already – Time flies when you're having fun! Thank you families for providing the delicious food for the Thanksgiving Feast - we enjoyed it so much! Also, thank you for gifting our class from the "Small Hands catalog" we are already enjoying the materials. Please make sure that your child has snow pants, a hat, gloves or mittens (waterproof), a cold weather jacket, and boots every day. We will go outside as much as possible, if the weather allows. The children have been working hard on dressing themselves to go outside! Please encourage them to do this at home as well.

Please double check your child's extra clothes bin (located in classroom bathroom) to see if your child needs anything. Make sure everything is labeled and weather appropriate.

Just a friendly reminder that work time begins at 8:45. Please do your best to arrive to school by this time or say your goodbyes outside the classroom door if your child is dropped off after 8:45. Thank you for all your help and support.

Some of the activities on our shelves will change. You will start to see some seasonal art work come home. In our practical life area we are enjoying, oatmeal, butter spreading and nutmeg jobs. Contributions of these items are greatly appreciated.

We will be having a **Book Exchange** in our class room on Friday December 17th. In order to receive a book, your child should bring a wrapped book with their name on it for a friend. The book should be age appropriate and under \$5 of value.

Our **winter program** is on Fri. Dec 18th. If you are unable to make it please let us know. Please wear: Girls - a holiday dress and Boys – dress shirt and tie. There will be pot luck to follow.

We will be closed on December 24th, and 25th for the Christmas Holiday and December 31st and January 1st for New Year Holiday.

Please remember to read the board outside the classroom for important information and special days.

If you have any question please feel free to ask us!

Ms. Aisha & Mary Jo



Thanks to all of you have been saving Box Top labels for us. As an incentive for the children to participate in this program, we hold a monthly drawing for a new scholastic book to given to one child each month. Just put the name of your child on the back of the box top and we will draw one name from the labels collected each month. The winner we be announced in the newsletter. The drop-off box is located on the desk in the front lobby.

Congratulations to Jakob , the Box Top for Education book winner for the month of November.

Children's House III



Winter is here and it is getting cold! Please remember to bring winter clothing to school every day: Boots, snow pants, hats, 2 pair of waterproof gloves, and winter jackets. You may leave these things in your child's cubby. We will be going outside as much as possible! Also, please check your child's extra clothes bin (in the bathroom) to see if your child has winter clothing. Please make sure everything is labeled with first and last name!

Just a reminder that our Montessori work time begins at 8:30am. Please try to have your child here by then. If you arrive after work time has started please send your child into the classroom quietly.

If you notice any of the materials from the classroom come home, please return them. The children see these little items as TREASURES and it is natural for them to want to take them home.

This month we are still working on care of self and care of environment. The children have been working hard on dressing themselves to go outside! Please encourage them to do this at home. We have also been working on grace and courtesy lessons.

The contribution list will be posted outside the classroom. Thank you for making contributions to our classroom, it is greatly appreciated!

Please remember to read the board outside the classroom for important information and special days off.

Here is some following events information:

1. Dec 10th: The Montessori Journey (6-7pm) will be a time for you to explore the materials on your own and see how they work. Mr. Joshua will be there to answer any

question about the materials and the environment that you may have. Childcare will be provided. If you need it, please sign up later.

2. Dec 18th: We are getting ready for our Winter Program. It will be held on Fri, December 18th 6:30pm at Roseville Middle School. Please arrive no later than 6:10pm. If you are unable to make it, please let us know. The children have been busy practicing and are excited to recite poems and sing for you!

3. Dec 24th and 25th: MIM will be closed for Christmas.

If you have any question about the class or your children, feel free to ask me or Ms. Nou.

Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Joshua and Ms. Nou



French

During the month of November we learned new words for different animals and their habitats. We also learned the vocabulary words for articles of clothing in French. We also reviewed our numbers counting by tens. We continued to read different chapters in our "Becassine" book. In addition, we also started to practice our song for the winter program. "Bonjour L'Hiver" will be our French song for the program. It is a very catchy song, and the kids are doing a really nice job learning it. We can't wait to share it with everyone, on the night of the program!

Marie

Dates to Remember

Wed., Dec 2nd – Ms. Barb will be here from
3:00 – 5:00pm to sell her CD

Thurs., Dec. 10th – CH3 Silent Journey

Fri., Dec. 18th - Miniapple Winter Program
(Miniapple will be closing @ 5:30 p.m.)

Thurs., Dec. 24th -Christmas Eve – Closed

Fri., Dec. 25th - Christmas – Closed

Thurs., Dec. 31st- New Year's Eve - Closed

Fri., Jan. 1st- New Year's Day - Closed

Day Care Activities:

Is it me, or did November just fly by? Winter is here!
Please be sure to bring your children in proper snow gear
(Hats, mittens, boots, coat, snow pants) so they can go
outside and enjoy the Minnesota weather! December will
keep us inside many of the days, so the days we can get
out are so important! Also, please check cubbies for the
crafts we do in the evening!

-Katie

