



JANUARY NEWSLETTER



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2/3 Classroom Newsletter

Welcome to 2012! During the New Year we are going to introduce some new foods to our snack menu. We will have one new food to try and one food choice that is familiar to the children. We thought this would be a fun way to have our class try some foods and expand their pallets

Did you know that some foods need to be introduced to a child as many as ten to fifteen times before they will try it? Here are some tips on introducing new foods.

- Pick only one or two foods to try.
- Begin with only a small amount such as one pea or one black bean.
- Let your child see you eating the new food and use positive comments about the new food.
- Encourage your child to try the new food without being forceful.



MVM Family Sledding Night

MVM has planned our Family Sledding Night for **Thursday, January 12 from 5:30-7:30** at **Riverside Park and Shelter**. Bring the whole family for a night of sledding and fun! Riverside Park is located on the East end of Sherman Street on Wausau's West side.



In addition to sledding, our MVM PTO will be sponsoring Hot Cocoa & Cookies inside the Riverside Shelter. Restrooms will be available inside the shelter as well as a "warming fire" will be in the outdoor shelter. We hope you can join us..... LET'S HOPE FOR SNOW!!!

"Tree of Wishes"

We would like to extend a special **THANK YOU** to all our MVM families for the generous and thoughtful donation gifts this holiday season! We truly appreciate the donations and cannot thank you enough for your kindness. Your gifts will be very helpful and most useful in all our classrooms. A special thank you to the MVM PTO for organizing and sponsoring this activity!



MVM Student Quote:

During work time Kate paused and whispered. "Do you smell that? It smells like Christmas! Upon asking her what Christmas smells like she replied, "Sparkles!!"

Parent Coffee Hours:

Parent Coffee Hour the remainder of this year each month will be looking at areas within the Montessori classroom (Practical Life, Language, Math, Sensorial, and Cultural). This month Miss Karla will be presenting on the topic, "Practical Life". Please join Miss Karla on Thursday, January 26th from 8:30-9:30.

In addition to our morning Coffee Hour, Miss Karla & Miss Leah will be holding an evening Coffee Hour on Tuesday, January 10th from 5:30-6:30 for all parents of 4K students. We will be talking about the "Kindergarten Year" and the Kindergarten Program opportunities here at MVM.



We hope you can join us!

Future Construction Plans:

Construction in the building at MVM will be taking place throughout Winter break and January in the office space adjacent to our 2/3 Toddler Room and across the entry from our Main Office. Most construction will be taking place late afternoon and early evening hours. MVM is doing the construction in preparation for adding a new Infant 2 Classroom. Larry Meyer construction will also be installing an exterior door at the end of January. We are very excited for this addition to our program!



OPEN HOUSE TO THE PUBLIC:

In January & February we will be beginning our enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year. Please spread the word to any interested families you may know.....

Open House: Tuesday, January 24th- 5:30-7:00 PM

REMINDERS:

- Our morning class begins promptly at 8:30, and our afternoon begins promptly at 12:30. Dismissal for the morning is from 11:20-11:30 and dismissal for the afternoon is from 2:45 to 3:00.
- **Please escort all children into the building.** We are asking families not to park in front of the Dottenwhy Financial offices as we want to reserve this space for their cliental.
- Please check your mailbox EVERYDAY!

This Month's Highlights:

Author of the Month:

Barbara Park

Study Topic:

Space

Continent of Focus:

Antarctica

SEFEL:

Emotions & Friendships

Mountain View Montessori PTO (Friends & Family of MVM)

The Friends & Family of MVM have now filed all official paperwork to become their own non-profit Mountain View Montessori Parent-Teacher Organization. The direct aim of the MVM PTO: To enhance and help provide learning & extra-curricular opportunities for all children at Mountain View Montessori!

If you would like to be a part of the Mountain View Montessori PTO, please join us for our next meeting:

MVM PTO Meeting:

Tuesday, January 10th

6:30-7:30 @ MVM

Spaghetti Supper

Hosted by: MVM PTO

(open to the public)

Spaghetti Supper & Raffle

American Legion Golf Course

Thursday, January 26th, 4:30-7:00

Adults \$4.50, Kids \$3.50, under 2 Free

*****Please see flyer sent home regarding Gift Basket Donations**

- **Thank you** to all parents for helping with swimming lessons and library trips.
- **Thank you** to all our Christmas Around the World Craft Day volunteer helpers!
- **Thank you** to all the Parent Volunteers that are working hard to establish our "official" Mountain View Montessori PTO !