**December Curriculum**

To: All Parents in the Primary Classes

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RE: December Curriculum

"*Every year at just this time, in cold and dark December, families around the world all gather to remember, with presents and with parties, with feasting and with fun, customs and traditions for people old and young" -Helen H. Moore*

The curriculum this month is rich in tradition, customs and holidays. In the true spirit of Montessori we will be learning about six special holidays including Hanukkah, St. Nicholas Day, St. Lucia Day, Los Posadas, Christmas and the Winter Solstice. A large part of the holiday celebrations involve the preparation and enjoyment of traditional holiday food, the singing of holiday songs and learning about the customs and how they originated. Be sure to visit the blog and classroom happenings on our website to catch a glimpse of this exciting month. Our password is ums.

Listed are some of the works that will be presented in your child's class.

**Practical Life**

Bell Tweezing

Christmas Tree Decorating

Gift Wrapping

Lacing

**Geography**

The Country of Sweden

Land Forms Peninsula and Bay

**Science**

New Season Winter

Hibernation

**Language**

Sound of the week

**Math**

Number Sequencing

Dreidel Game

**Sensorial**

Holiday Sensorial Bag

Small, Medium, and Large

**Music**

We will be learning about the instrument families (wind, percussion and string) as well as building upon on our knowledge of musical beat by singing and dancing to a variety of  songs to celebrate the many holidays of the month.

**Spanish**

We will continue to learn about families and learn our colors.

**Kindergarten Exit Skill**

Money Skills and Money Recognition

We welcome back Ms. Maria who will be teaching yoga on Fridays. We will have a school sing-a-long on Monday, December 22nd lead by our music teacher Ms. Kristin. The last of school before the winter break, December 23 will be pajama party complete with hot chocolate and marshmallows. Take time to breath, relax and enjoy the magic of the holiday season.