



## November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

October has been a month of continued growth and learning. The children continue to work with the Montessori materials at their own pace as well as growing as a community. We are seeing lots of older children helping younger friends where needed. The children really do inspire each other throughout the day.

We hope that everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving. We enjoyed hearing about all that the children are thankful for. Both classes really seemed to embrace the significance of the occasion.

Thank you for all of the delicious contributions to our Thanksgiving feast and our Halloween celebration.

Our alphabet introductions continued with the letters C , D and E. For the letter C we introduced colour concepts like warm vs cool colours and did some colour mixing with primary colours to create our secondary colours. The children made caterpillar and carrot crafts . For the letter D we drew pictures starting with “d” and made D’s with dabbers and dots.

### Classroom Success

As a general rule the teachers appreciate the children arriving before 9am on a daily basis. This allows for lessons to begin in a timely way and limits interruptions to lessons already in progress.

We understand that unforeseen events sometimes delay arrivals but would really appreciate being able to settle in to our work day by 9am whenever possible.

### Study Topics.

In November we will be talking about the continents and specifically North America. We will continue to introduce a new letter sound on a weekly basis.

### Upcoming Dates

Monday, November 6 to Thursday November 9 – Classroom Observations

Friday, November 10: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 13 - Remembrance Day Observed NO SCHOOL

## Classroom Observations

We are really pleased to be able to invite parents into the classroom for observations this year. It is an opportunity to see your child working and playing in the environment. To get the most from the experience we ask that little interaction happens during your visit. We will be asking the children to carry on with their mornings as if no one is watching. Thank you in advance for your mindful consideration. A sign up sheet will be posted the week prior to the observations.

## Parent Teacher Interviews:

On Friday November 10 we will be available for individual parent Teacher interviews. We will be doing in person interviews this year unless you would prefer a phone call at your designated time. Please note that there are no regular classes this day. A sign up sheet will be posted the week prior to interviews.

## Outside time

We will continue to go outside for play time whenever possible as the weather is changing.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate rain gear including muddy buddies, raincoats, mittens and boots. (please ensure that everything is labelled with your child's name.)

We would also recommend dressing in layers to ensure comfort and warmth.

We also need to ensure that each child has a full change of clothes at school. (please ensure that each item is labelled with your child's name.)

In closing we would like to extend our gratefulness for the continued support of our families.

Sincerely,  
Bright Star Montessori Teachers