



DECEMBER NEWS

"Let's sing a winter song, let's sing a winter song; the days are short, the nights are long; let's sing a winter song..." Yes, days are growing shorter, nights are growing longer, and cultures around the world begin to celebrate light: stars and candles everywhere for Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and more.

At school, children have kept working with much enthusiasm, experiencing and learning new things each day. They do so much now that they couldn't do before. The various experiences that they go through daily help them to grow in all the areas of development. Working together, cooperating with each other, helping one another, and respecting others and their work are as important and essential in the learning process as knowing the letters of the alphabet and numbers.

Here at Children of the Earth Montessori School, we are proud of our students for their amazing achievements, and as diverse as we are, we celebrate who we are, where we come from, and the beautiful community we all make together.

As part of this letter we would like to say THANKS to all the parents that took the time to meet with Miss Sue, Miss Lety, and Miss Alejandra for parent/teacher conferences. We enjoyed sharing with you your child's progress and growth, and

appreciate your interest and dedication in his/her education.

Now that our days are getting colder, it is very important to have our students dressed appropriately for the weather. Coat, hat, gloves/mittens, and scarf are the necessary gear to play outdoors. Please label everything to avoid confusion!!

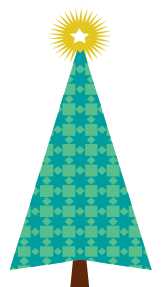
We also have a special request to our parents. Students only need to bring their lunch box to school not a backpack. Please do not send your child to school with a backpack! They take too much room leaving us with very limited space for winter coats. We appreciate your cooperation and thank you in advance!

We are looking forward to our first "Gingerbread House Family Night" and annual "Winter Show" (see additional information in your child's folder). Our students have been practicing for a while now and can't wait to perform. So, save the date and invite others to do the same. Admission to the concert may be paid at the door on the day of the concert. Children need to be at the hall at 6:15 pm!

Now, let's get ready to celebrate the diversity of the Winter Celebrations and share with everyone a little of the season's cheer!!

HAPPY DECEMBER EVERYONE!!

MISS ALEJANDRA



DECEMBER HOME/SCHOOL PROJECT

"THE MITTEN TREE DRIVE & MORE "

For this month, we have chosen a special activity for our students to enjoy with their families as they help others in need this winter season. We ask each family to make a Home-Made Ornament (hat, scarf, or mitten) depending on what you are donating for our "Mitten Tree Drive" that will represent you in our Community Tree. The Tree will be displayed at our Winter Show for everyone to enjoy. Definitely this is a fun project with no specific rules or guidelines to follow. Please make sure to have the name of your family exposed somewhere in the ornament. Looking forward to all your donations and the ornaments in our tree. Have Fun!!

FOOD DRIVE

During the month of November our students worked on a couple special projects. One of them was about "Giving Thanks & Sharing". For this project, we hosted a "Food Drive" for two weeks. Families have been extremely generous and we thank you on behalf of all the families that will benefit from your donations. All the food collected has been donated to the Food Banks of Northwest Indiana. And to our grateful surprise, we collected 1,000+ pounds of food. **GOOD FOR ALL OF US!!!**

Also, congratulations to everyone for the Art Turkey Projects submitted! You all did a

terrific job and the children had much fun sharing their turkeys with classmates. Also, special congratulations to our Kindergarten/Elementary students for the amazing research work on Pilgrims and Native Americans. Their poster boards looked great, full of information and pictures. Well Done!!

DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER

- ▶ December 1 "Field Trip to the Museum of Science & Industry"
- ▶ December 4-13 "Mitten Tree Drive".
- ▶ December 15th "Gingerbread House Family Night" 6:30-8
- ▶ December 19 "Winter Show" 6:30 pm @ St. James Parish Hall.
- ▶ Winter Break December 25 through January 3

2017 DECEMBER CALENDAR 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>FIELD TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY Miss Sue & Miss Alejandra Classes only</i>	2
3	4 <u>MITTEN TREE DRIVE BEGINS</u>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <u>MITTEN TREE DRIVE ENDS</u>	14	15 <i>GINGERBREAD HOUSE FAMILY NIGHT 6:30-8</i>	16
17	18	19 <u>SCHOOL CLOSSES 5PM</u> <i>WINTER CONCERT!! 6:30 PM ST. James Parish Hall</i>	20	21	22 <u>Last day before Winter break SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 4PM!</u>	23
24/31	25 <u>Merry Christmas!!</u> <u>WINTER BREAK</u>	26 <u>WINTER BREAK</u>	27 <u>WINTER BREAK</u>	28 <u>WINTER BREAK</u>	29 <u>WINTER BREAK</u>	30