

**Conferences** were to open dialogue between teachers and parents for the benefit of the child. Individual time gives us an opportunity to hear your perspectives, understand what you see from our one-way viewing windows or hear from your child and for us to explain what we observe in our environment; to help parents to better understand how and why Montessori works. We genuinely enjoy teaching your children and assure you they are not “doing nothing” in class! Montessori is always about more than a tangible they present to prove they are learning math, reading, science or writing. It is about the acquisition of self-confidence and life skills that make learning interesting. It is about becoming a self-confident, caring individual with a love of learning and a sense of responsibility to the world he or she lives in. What Maria Montessori called a three period lesson consists of association, recognition and recall which naturally occur in our multi-age environment; the child observes, does and teaches to others. The materials, group and individual lessons they experience are an introduction to information and meant to be extended, developed and nurtured. Our studies have allowed us to look at literature, introducing various authors and illustrators. We are also expecting a visit from Edith, the fabulous Edmonds Children's Librarian!

Keep in mind as inclement weather approaches, we follow the Edmonds school district for closure. We will also update our website and school voicemail as needed.

**NO sound of the week** for 12/15 please bring an unwrapped toy- non specific age or gender toy for your child to donate.

**Toy Drive;** We have decorated bins from the Edmonds Fire Department outside class.

This time of year reminds many of us how fortunate we are. With all the “wants”, it is important for us to give our children some understanding of different circumstances.

**Book Exchange;** Will be held on Wednesday, December 16th. Please have your child bring in a new hard cover book- gift wrapped. You will not address it “to” anyone, but make sure you indicate that the book is “from” your child. Extra explanation may be needed to understand they will not keep the book they bring and may or may not get the book from whom they expect. We will open the books individually at circle, the first child is picked, they choose any book and unwrap it, whoever the book is from is the next child to have a turn & so on

**Lunch Bunch** has added an unexpected experience to our day at Edmonds Montessori. Some families use the extension every day some as a weekly experience and others as needed for drop in. The children enjoy the extra social interactions and gain the skills they need to eat politely with others in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.



Liam and Brody;



Violet; 3-letter phonetic



Shiloh; pin punching