

# January 2019 Newsletter

## Welcome

MKLA would like to welcome the following new children to our school:

Theo Burke to our RM #1

We are so thrilled to have him join us here at MKLA and are excited to create a happy and bright future together!  
Welcome ☺

## Important Dates

### January:

1/1/19 (Tue.) School Closed (New Year Holiday)

1/2/19 (Wed.) Center Opens

1/7/19 (mon.) – 1/11/19 (fri.) Parent/ Teacher Conferences

1/10/19 (mon.) Earthquake Drill @ 9:30 AM

1/21/19 (mon.) School Closed (MLK Jr. Day)

### February:

2/14/19 (thurs.) Valentine's Day (in-class activity)

2/18/19 (mon.) President's Day (School Closed)

\*TBA Police Officer Visit to School

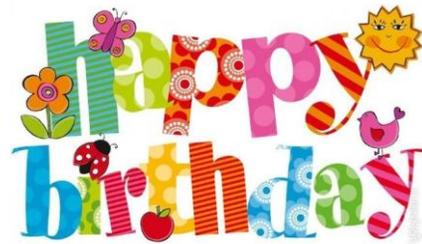
\*TBA Fire Fighter Visit to School

## Birthdays

MKLA would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following children:

Abigail Linn on 1/30, Sydney Davis on 11/5/18, Juniper Hanlon on 1/21/18, & Lyanna Murphy on 1/18/18

We hope you enjoy your birthday with your friends and family and spend the day to your fullest! Happy birthday ☺



## Learning This Month

This month, we will be focusing on themes and subjects such as: Winter animals, snow/cold/ice, opposites, and five senses.

For details on the curriculum for writing skills, language arts, crafts, book of the day/ theme song, Montessori job presentation, hands on science experiences, and outdoor activities: See the lesson plans and daily routines on the parent board in your child's room or at the front office.

Thanks! ☺



### Montessori's Quote

“One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child.”

→ Dr. Maria Montessori

### Director's Massage

“Teaching is not a lost art, but the regard for it is a lost tradition.”

-Jacques Barzun

### Updates/ Reminders

\* As you already know, we have our parent/teacher conferences this month. Progress reports will be sent out 1/2/18, you are more than welcome to set an appointment for Teacher/ Parent conference. We just want to remind all parents who sign up for parent/ teacher conference to please be on time, so that the next person's appointment doesn't run late.

\* Now that the weather is getting cold, we have requested a few times to send your child to school with a warm thick jacket on. We have noticed quite a few children coming to school without warm jackets on and no extra jacket placed in their cubbies. When a child does not have appropriate attire for outdoor play, the child unfortunately cannot join their peers and go outside with them. To ensure that they can go outside in the cold weather, and to keep them warm and safe, please send your child to school with a jacket on, and to please leave an extra jacket to stay in your child's cubby, just in case. MKLA's outdoor guidelines for outdoor play is 55 degrees (lowest tempt.) to 95 degrees (highest tempt). This guideline is to ensure all children's safety. MKLA will not go outdoors if temperature is lower or higher than the degrees listed above to ensure safety.

\*MKLA' first and top priority is to always ensure that your child is safe and comfortable and happy, before anything else 😊

### Special Thanks

MKLA would like to thank everyone that participated in the Holiday Toy Drive in December. Your donations will surely make a difference in many children's lives, and are truly appreciated.

MKLA would also like to thank everyone that attended the Holiday Program Night. Your participation and cooperation is what made the event such a success and the children did such an awesome job at their Holiday performances. Thank you for making that evening one to remember. We would like to encourage all families to participate in events to give children a sharing experience.

MKLA would like to welcome everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year! 😊



## Montessori Birthday Celebration to Celebrate the New Year

Montessori's birthday celebration of life is a great way to bring in the New Year, as this shows the meaning of how each year passes and we enter into the New Year.

### What You'll Need:

- Some form of "The Sun"
  - a candle or light
  - months of the year labels
  - a small globe
- photos of each year of the child's life

### How To:

- The child will stand beside the label (of the child's birth month)
- The parent or teacher will light the candle (or turn on the light), which signifies the moment the child was born.
- The child walks (slowly) around the "Sun" with the small globe in his or her hands to signify Earth rotating around the Sun once a year
  - Everyone participating will sing:  
"The Earth Goes Around the Sun,  
The Earth Goes Around the Sun,  
The Earth Goes Around the Sun,  
And Then (child's name) was 1!"
- The child will stop when they reach their birth month label again
- At this point, show a photo of the child at this age, and talk a little bit about that child's year and what the child did and looked like.
- Repeat this process until the child's life story, thus far, is complete

