

# Nazareth Montessori

## Preschool Press

December 2009

**D**espite a November shortened by Mrs. Curtis' flu, we were able to accomplish a lot this month. The children used their patterning skills to create napkin rings in autumnal colors, as well as placemats that show what they are thankful for. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our covered dish, but the children were encouraged to use the placemats and rings at their own Thanksgiving celebrations. We would like to give the covered dish another try once the holidays are over.

We talked about corn and how the Native Americans taught the Pilgrims all about corn. We had freshly popped popcorn for snack one day and freshly baked cornbread for snack the next. The children were surprised to hear that Mrs. Curtis heats her house with corn, rather than wood.

The children brought in a lot of food that will be donated to the Nazareth Area Food Bank. We have sorted the food into categories and will be meeting at the Food Bank in December to put the items on their shelves.

We have been practicing the sounds of all of the letters of the alphabet, upper and lower case letter recognition, counting and recognizing numerals up to

20 (and beyond!) and simple addition. The children have worked on fine motor skills by tracing, spooning dried peas, beading, sorting and using the knobbed cylinders.



Conferences will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, at which time you can bring up any questions you have about your child's progress

**Tyler** celebrated his birthday walk on November 13. The children were interested in seeing pictures of Tyler at all ages, and they enjoyed the cupcakes that he brought in for his birthday treat. We thank Tyler for donating the book *Where the Wild Things Are* in honor of his special day.



**Ben** brought in a dinosaur for Show and Tell. The children shared facts that they know about dinosaurs:

- They are extinct.
- They lived before there were any people on the earth.
- Scientists find bones that tell them how large dinosaurs were.
- The train conductor on Dinosaur Train punches the tickets with his claw.

## Giving Thanks!



Thank you to **Noah** for donating the book *In November* to our school library. The timing was perfect, as we received it the day that we dismantled the October calendar and talked about the month of November. Since the children had such fun counting down the days to Halloween, we're going to count down to Thanksgiving. I wonder what they will want to count down to in December?

We would also like to thank everyone who purchased coupon books for Bon Ton Community Day. It's a great way to support the school. Hope you all got some good deals!

## Conferences

The first week in December, you will have an opportunity to sign up for parent/teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9, with time-slots available from 6:00 to 7:30.

At this time, we can discuss your child's progress as well as address any questions you may have. Please allow approximately 15 minutes for the conference. The child who is enrolled in school is welcome to attend the conference with the parent.

## Christmas Program

Our Montessori Christmas Program will be held on Friday, December 18, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children will arrive at school at 9:00, and friends and relatives may either wait in the Fellowship Hall or return a little before 10:00 for the program.

The children will sing several Christmas songs, and I've been in touch with Santa to see if he can come by. He said that as long things are on schedule at his workshop, he will be happy to visit!

**Please bring along a plate of cookies to share after the program.**



## Christmas Break Play Date

School's open on Wednesday, December 30, for a Preschool Play Date, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Children may bring along a toy or a game that they would like to share with their preschool friends. There will be a craft activity, and snack will be provided. There is no charge for this activity.



## 2010 – 2011 Enrollment

Beginning in mid-January, we will be opening enrollment for the 2010 – 2011 school year. All candidates must fill out a registration form, even if the child currently attends the Montessori school. I've attached a copy of the application to the end of this newsletter. If you don't need it for your own child, please feel free to pass it on to someone who might be interested in the Nazareth Montessori Preschool.

A few changes to note for next year:

- Children are encouraged to attend five days a week. If five days is not feasible, the child may attend three days a week. They may be any three days but must be consistent each week. (for example, every M W F or every Tu W Th).
- The child must turn three by December 31, 2010.

We will be holding an Open House in the spring for anyone who would like more information on our school.

## Winter Weather

The school follows the same schedule as the Nazareth Area School District. If Nazareth Schools are closed or have a 2-hour delay, the preschool **will be closed**. School delays and closings are announced via t.v., radio and web pages.





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**FOR SCHOOL USE:**

DATE OF ADM: \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE AT ADM: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FORM**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Language \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS' INFORMATION:**

Father \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**SIBLINGS:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS' EMPLOYMENT:**

**Father's Occupation/Place of Employment**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Occupation/Place of Employment**

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Child's previous group experience \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the school? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is Montessori a school of your choice? \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*A non-refundable check for \$25 must accompany this application.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 11:30 – 1:00 Lunch Bunch (\$5)	3	4	5
6	7	8  Conferences	9 11:30 – 1:00 Lunch Bunch (\$5)  Conferences	10	11	12
13	14  7:00 Montessori Committee	15	16 11:30 – 1:00 Lunch Bunch (\$5)	17	18 10:00 – 11:30 Montessori Christmas Program	19
20 3:00 Sunday School Christmas Program and Covered Dish	21	22	23	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 Play Date 10:00 – 12:00	31 NO SCHOOL		