



Little Miners
MONTESSORI



Toddler Program January 2017

“Play Is The Work of the Child”

--Maria Montessori

It's That Time of Year!

Welcome back! Please continue to send your child to school with weather appropriate ***labeled*** clothing for the playground. LMM suggests warm winter clothing such as a one-piece suit, waterproof boots, a hat with chinstrap and mittens with easy attachment clips.

This month is a busy one for our Toddlers! They will be learning about the continent of South America and the many unique animals that live in the Amazon Rainforest. Your toddler will also learn about what an Amphibian is and why they need both land and water. Our Stretch & Grow classes will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Coach Meg to get our little bodies moving and grooving!

Important Dates

January

Back to School	3
Tuition Due	5
Scholastic Book Orders	13
Web Address: scholastic.com/bookclubs	
Class Activation Code: HGTZ	
MLK Jr.—No School	16
2017/18 Pre-Registration	17
Pre-Registration Due	27



February

Celebrate Valentine's Day	14
February Break – No School	20-24

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break and are excited to kick off the New Year! It is always special to have some time to spend with loved ones.

Pre-Registration

It is time to start thinking about the 2017-2018 school year! Pre-registration begins January 17th. If you are planning for your child(ren) to attend, please begin thinking about your schedule preferences for the next school year. 17-18 tuition amounts will be included with the registration paperwork. Pre-registration is due by January 27th.

Thank you, Thank you!

The LMM toddler teachers and staff would like to send a big thank you for all the generous contributions to the gift certificates and the thoughtful holiday gifts. It is an honor to have the privilege to teach your children and we are very thankful for this wonderful LMM community!

Montessori in the Classroom

Being able to independently dress oneself is a great accomplishment for children and something that is taught and practiced throughout a Montessori classroom. The following steps can help a child learn to put on their own jacket. You can demonstrate and then let them repeat after you:

Lay the jacket on the floor with the collar or hood facing up (inverted) and nearest the feet (toes to tag)

1. Stand behind the collar and bend down.
2. Push one arm into the corresponding sleeve of the coat. Push all the way until the hand has come out of the armhole.
3. Repeat with the other arm.
4. Stand up half way bringing the coat with up with the arms.
5. Stand up fully as you do this and lift both arms simultaneously up. Use momentum to lift and flip the coat over your head.
6. As the coat goes over your head use your hands to guide coat towards your body as it comes down your back. The back may need to be pulled down for ease.
7. Zip up!