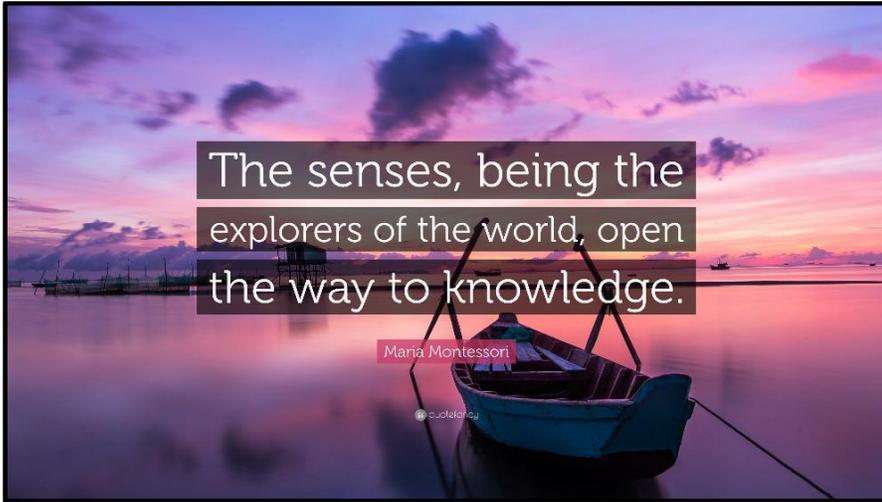


# MONTESSORI of LADERA RANCH

January 2022 Newsletter



The senses, being the explorers of the world, open the way to knowledge.

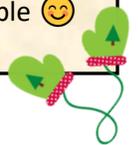
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## Important Dates for January

Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>:  
Elementary Field Trip for Rooms 6 and 7 to Medieval Times!

Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>:  
**CLOSED** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>:  
Progress Reports will be available 😊



## News from the Front Office

Happy New Year and wishing you a wonderful January! Welcome Back! We hope everyone had an enjoyable, happy and safe holiday season. Thank you to all the parents who lavished us with all the wonderful gifts and cards. We truly appreciate all your generosity and thought-fulness.

Progress Reports will be sent home at the end of January on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Please remember, if you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher. As a reminder, we will have Parent Teacher Conferences coming up on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

With the cold weather here, please make sure your child has a warm sweater or jacket for the playground. Please make sure all JACKETS and MASKS are labeled and taken home daily. We have quite a collection out there. The lost & found basket is filling up!

The flu season is here! Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if he/she has a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or colored mucus. In addition, he/she must be free of these symptoms for a *complete* 24 hours before returning to school. Please notify the school of any illnesses, and if your child will be absent. Your child must be picked up in a timely manner should he/she become ill at school. We understand that this can pose a problem for working parents; however, we do not have a separate facility where a sick child can stay for an extended period.

Please also be advised of our illness policies listed in the COVID Re-Opening statement:

*"Children who are sick, or anyone in the household is sick, with respiratory symptoms, a fever or persistent cough must remain home. Children may not return to school until all symptoms have been GONE without using fever reducing medication for a minimum of 72 hours. A Doctor's note may be requested and required to return to school."*

Please have your child bring his or her mask to school each day. Please have your child's name printed on his or her mask.

Keep in mind that late arrivals to school are not only difficult for the late child arriving to a class that has already begun, but it is also a distraction to the children who are already participating in circle time. Toddlers and Preschool begin promptly at 9:00am. Elementary begins promptly at 8:45am. Also, please keep in mind that the teachers have prepared lessons and activities for all the children. When there are constant disruptions after class has started, it makes it difficult for the children to settle into their school day. An "on time" drop-off will help eliminate confusion, tears, and sad good-byes.

**\*Tuition Reminder:** The yearly tuition is divided into 10 equal monthly payments for your convenience. Payments are equal regardless of the number of days school is held during a particular month. There are no reductions for holidays, illness, and family vacations.



## \_\_\_\_ Music News from Ms. Karen \_\_\_\_

Happy New Year, one and all. I hope your holidays were filled with family and friends and festivities. And cookies.

I also hope you all enjoyed our Holiday Music Show. I'm so proud of all the children, especially our Master of Ceremony, Landon French. He did an exceptional job stepping in at the last minute to provide all the narration. Thank you, Landon.

On to the month of January. I have spent some time during the break scoping out some new songs, although it's going to be tough to top "High on Puppy Mountain". I think we need to give equal time to cats, though. Right?

We will be singing "The Colors of Winter", a lovely little tune that incorporates American Sign Language.



## \_\_\_\_ Room 1 \_\_\_\_

Ms. Jocelyn  
Ms. Yoko  
Ms. Lidija  
Ms. Zayra

Hello 2022! I hope everyone had an amazing time spending the holidays with your family and friends! It's truly good to be back to our daily routine, well rested and ready for this new year!

We will return to our regular curriculum by focusing on a color, a song, and a book of the month. Some treasures awaiting us in the January workbook include chubby snowmen, cheerful penguins and one of our favorite choices for Book of the Month - It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles Shaw. The bold white images on a blue background make it a perfect choice for our young listeners and encourages cloud gazing as an added extra playground activity! Children will have the opportunity to do the felt story of It Looked Like Split Milk during work time – what a great opportunity to turn abstract concepts into language development!

The *Color of the Month* (white) will be reinforced in art projects, songs, and felt stories. The children will be invited to work with a small flannel board and a selection of white felt pieces (including a snowman, a polar bear, a white rabbit, a house and a snowflake) to create felt stories of their own. The nesting igloo is a big hit, too! In honor of the season, our *Song of the Month* is "The Colors of Winter".

As a quick reminder, please take a moment to sign up to provide morning snack for our classroom one day a month. We encourage parents to provide two food groups. Ideas for snack include fresh fruit (pre-washed and cut), any type of carbohydrate (crackers, bread, pretzels, etc.), yogurt, and cheese. As always, thank you for providing such delicious and nutritious snacks for our toddler group.

Please, please, please remember to label your child's jackets and sweaters!

Happy birthday wishes go out to Will and Jack!



## \_\_\_\_ Room 2 \_\_\_\_

Ms. Emma  
Ms. Vivian

Welcome everyone to the new year! I am so excited you are all back! I would like to start by welcoming Robby, Cole, Gianna to our class. We are so happy you are joining our classroom.

This month we will be learning about the different types and classes of animals. We are going to learn the differences between reptiles, amphibians, insects, mammals, birds, and fish. We get to learn what makes each type special and unique, and how they contribute to our ecosystem.

This month we are going to be introducing a new set of work to the classroom: instruments! We will be adding some stringed and percussion instruments to the classroom for the students to use during class time. We will also be switching our Friday P.E. time for some music time.

This month we will be going to explore art. We will be using different styles and methods to create, from finger painting to pastel chalks. We are really going to be getting in touch with our creative side. We are continuing our study of Antarctica.

For science we will be doing a fun experiment to help us understand the concept of buoyancy and why some objects sink and others float.

I hope all of your holidays were merry and bright and that everyone is ready to come back rearing to get after the new year ready to learn.

Happy birthday to Andrew and Sloane!



## Room 3

Ms. Jasmine  
Ms. Sofia

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break. Thank you to everyone who watched our Music Show. The kids really enjoyed learning the holiday songs together. Ms. Sofia and I want to thank each and every one of you for the very generous gifts. We really appreciate you all! We will now be able to get back to our daily routine now that the holidays are over.

This month we will be discussing the continent of Australia for geography. We will also be discussing the parts of a frog and discuss facts about Martin Luther King Jr. We will also be discussing the parts of a tree for botany. During work time, we will be listening to funk music. Lastly, our cooking project this month will be smoothies.

Just a few reminders for the New Year:

- please remember to bring a labeled sweater or jacket with your child every day
- please do not bring toys to school as they can cause a distraction to your child and the other children
- if you provide a water bottle, juice, or milk for your child, please ensure that it is a disposable bottle.
- please no backpacks as they do not fit inside of the cubbies

Happy Birthday to Breanna, Charlotte, and Andie!



## Room 4

Ms. Isabelle  
Ms. Kaitlyn

Happy New Year 2022! I hope everyone had an amazing time spending the holidays with your family and friends! For the month of January, we will be learning all about Australia! We will learn about Australian animals, the life cycle of a turtle, and the parts of a leaf. Our artist of the month is going to be Claude Monet, and we will be talking about this famous painter's background. Our outside wall art will be inspired from his works of art. During work time, we will be listening to Disney Piano Classical music. Our cooking project this month will be "Cinnamon-Sugar French Toast Mittens".

Dates to Remember:

- We will be closed Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day.
- Progress reports go out on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>!

Happy birthday to Penny and Charlie W.!



## Room 5

Ms. Abby  
Ms. Veronica

Goodbye 2021, hello 2022!

I can't believe it's already a new year! I hope you all had the most wonderful holiday season and a very happy start to the new year! Thank you to everyone who came to our Holiday Music Show!

This month, we will be studying Australia in geography. In zoology, we will be naming the parts of a mammal, of which our focus will be a polar bear! We will also be learning about the parts of a leaf in botany. We will also be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. and learning facts all about him! For our monart, we will be learning how to draw a cat! Our monarts always hang proudly in the classroom by the art shelves for anyone who wants to see their child's artwork!

As a friendly reminder, please don't forget to write your child's name on their sweatshirt/jacket so that they do not get mixed up in the classroom! Also, please make sure your child's nap items are able to fit into their cubby and are taken home each Friday to be washed! Thank you so much!  
I am so excited for what 2022 will bring!  
Happy birthday to Michael and Rachel!



## Room 6

Ms. Michelle  
Ms. Jade

Welcome back!!

We hope that you all had a very restful and enjoyable holiday.

Thank you so much to all of the parents that attended our Holiday Show. The children were so excited to have you all there and perform for you. They also had a wonderful time sharing their cultures and traditions with all of their friends.

It was indeed a very fun month!

And now for 2022! We are going to be traveling through

Europe this month, as well as continuing our daily core subjects of math, language, handwriting, and reading from our Lady Bird books. We are also going to continue writing daily journal papers and learning more about capital letters, punctuation and parts of speech including nouns, adjectives, verbs, and articles.

For their listening enjoyment smooth jazz will be playing in our room. For art, we will be learning about the artist Michelangelo. Our cooking project for January will be pasta salad. Please check your child's tote bag daily and make sure they have extra clothing that it is appropriate (and labelled!) for the cooler weather in their cubbies.

Birthday wishes for the new year go out to William and Hadley!

Thank you again for everything and for allowing us to spend our days with your beautiful children.



## Room 7

Ms. Indigo  
Ms. Elissa

Happy New Year! I can't believe how fast the year went by. I want to start off by thanking everyone who attended our Holiday Show and the participation of heritage poster. It was wonderful to see all the different heritages in our classroom. I also want to thank you for taking the time to do the heritage report with your child. The reports were so well done, and we really enjoyed having the kids tell us where their family comes from. They all did a wonderful job presenting their heritage to the classroom and hearing where they come from in their own words was priceless. I hope all of you had a great holiday break and enjoyed your holiday celebrations.

We are finally going to be able to get the kids back to their daily routine. Please remember that our Current Events are on Fridays, along with our music class. This month we will be discussing facts about Martin Luther King Jr. and the introduction to our Peace Curriculum. The kids will be listening to meditation music during work time.

A few reminders to start off the New Year: please remember to bring a labeled sweater or jacket with your child every day.

As a reminder, our class will be joining Room 6 on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> for our field trip to Medieval Times. I will be sending out emails prior to the day with more information regarding this super fun trip.

Happy birthday to Gwendolyn, Gavin, Harmony, and Theo!