

# The CH Connection

JANUARY 2022

"People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy." Anton Chekhov

## CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

With the Christmas break ending and the beginning of this New Year upon us, we are excited about starting back to school. \*Here's what is new or has been added in each area:

**Practical Life:** This area is so inviting. The work that is on the shelf includes activities for sorting, spooning, twisting, pouring, table setting, rock painting, stringing/patterning, and general care of self. PL is where the younger child lengthens h/h concentration and strengthens the hand for future fine motor work. The older child finds more complex work hidden in a seemingly simple task, and activities that require more and more precise small motor function

**Art:** This area continues to change daily/weekly. Markers and working with watercolors and paint have been introduced along with other concepts that the children have been working on will increase in difficulty (specifically harder scissor/cutting work). We will also enjoy "winter themed" art activities like chalk drawings and snowflake making.

**Language:** Continued work from previous months is still a part of this area. Concepts have been made more difficult. Harder puzzles, picture to card work, color words, rhyming, opposites, categorizing, and sequencing have all been updated and progressed in degree of difficulty. Specifically those concepts have taken on a winter theme (ie: building a snowman sequencing). Penmanship work is and will be busy with SOW practice, tracing, making sound booklets, and pin pushing (many of these things are pre-writing tasks). These things stay out year-round and change based on SOW and holidays, etc. Writing winter words and making winter word booklets are also some specifics this month.

**Math:** The children are moving through math work at their own level and pace. New this month are exercises like subtraction with simple objects, skip counting, odd and even, bank work (decimal system), more paperwork, and much more!

**Geography:** We will be studying the continent of Asia throughout this month and into February. The children will be exposed to work with the maps/countries of Asia, pictures and books about the people, animals, culture, and foods of this continent, and much more! We hope to invite you all in if you have connections to a specific place (i.e. : family, travels, foods, etc.) to better connect our children with the world around us. Reach out to EmilyBeth if you or your family have connections with Asia in any shape or form.

**Science:** The children have been introduced to the balance and are learning to understand "heavy vs. light" by weighing different objects. We will be introducing "sink vs. float" soon as well.

**Sensorial:** Extensions of the core materials are being added weekly in this area as we have reached the half way point in our school year now. Our study of the geometric solids will grow to now include the Ellipsoid, Ovoid, Triangular Prism, Rectangular Prism, and Squared-Based Pyramid (the children have already been learning about the Sphere, Cone, Cylinder, and the Cube). The Kindergarteners will be doing a project with these 3-D shapes and presenting them to our 1st-2nd year students this month as well!

\*Children are working at their own pace and mastery in all areas of the Montessori Classroom. The wide variety and skill level provides what each child needs and the teachers observe, move them along, and provide extension work when they are ready. Some work mentioned might be something a first year student is doing or might be work that just a Kindergartener is ready for. That's the beauty of the Montessori Method and multi-aged classroom.



Parents Thank you for participating in the Small Hands Fundraiser through Montessori Services! You guys gave The CH every item on our wish list! Many of the items are already out in the classroom and being enjoyed by the children! We also earned school credit to spend in the future because of your purchases! We are SO grateful!

We will begin the "in-house" enrollment process for the 2022-2023 School Year in just a couple of weeks. Keep an eye on your emails for more information...Please remember we have limited spots for the afternoon program. The afternoon program fills up quickly and is available on a first come, first serve basis. The enrollment form must be filled out entirely and all fees paid to reserve a place for your child in the afternoon.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wednesday, Jan. 5th- Children return to school
- Monday, Jan. 10th- Treehouse Montessori Christian School Open House for prospective families- 5pm
- Monday, Jan. 17th- MLK Day- No School
- Wednesday, Jan. 26th- Kindergarten P/T Conferences

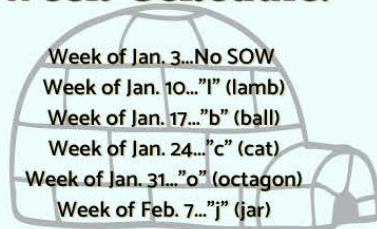
## Birthday Spotlight

Stevie Mittwede-  
January 11th-  
5 yrs. old



## Sound of the Week Schedule:

Week of Jan. 3...No SOW  
Week of Jan. 10... "l" (lamb)  
Week of Jan. 17... "b" (ball)  
Week of Jan. 24... "c" (cat)  
Week of Jan. 31... "o" (octagon)  
Week of Feb. 7... "j" (jar)



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