



Montessori Academy

OF CARRBORO

December 2015

TODDLER ROOMS

Our Toddler Classrooms continues to grow and learn so quickly! Our listening and sitting quietly skills are improving. We have learned the letters "L", "M" and "N". Miss Alice brings her Ukulele often and we love singing songs with her. Our favorite is "Five Little Monkeys". In the end of November, we made a craft where all of us became Thanksgiving turkeys! We made lion sun catchers for the letter "L" and painted with mud for the letter "M"! Both of our lead teachers in our Toddler Rooms celebrated birthdays last month and we celebrated with noise makers, bubbles and special snacks. We have learned to say please and thank you in sign language and we have learned to count to 10 in Spanish. Miss Lindsay is using flash cards to teach us our colors. December brings many holiday crafts as we have decorated a gingerbread man and finish our special presents for our parents (shh...it's a secret!).

Happy Holidays,

Miss Lindsay, Miss Alice and Miss Mandy



CHILDREN'S HOUSE #1



Much has happened in our Children's House 1 classes. We celebrated **two** birthdays in Miss Ana Maria's class and watched our friends "Walk Around the Sun"! At the end of November, we learned all about Thanksgiving. We have welcomed December with excitement and happiness. We have been reading about the season and making all kinds of holiday crafts. We learned all about Hanukkah from the mother of our friends, Abby and Ethan. She made us potato latkes and taught us how to spin a dreidl. Miss Hayley's class has adopted an Elf on the Shelf and named her "Charlie". We are focusing on learning our letters and numbers this month. We used the abacus and frosted cereal to count and add.

Happy Holidays, Miss Ana Maria and Miss Hayley



CHILDRENS HOUSE 2

Our preschool rooms settled into November with plenty of activities to build sensory and fine motor skills. Children's House 1 worked through their "What Living Things Need" curriculum. Air, Light, Water, Food and Homes served as jumping off points for art projects and reading time together. We also learned and charted lunar cycles and made gratitude lists for Thanksgiving. Children's House 2 did several intensive art projects including studying Native American dress and making their own attire. Science experiments worked with time and measurement to yield sometimes unexpected results. With so much good weather, we're all thriving on the playground, but still taking time for inside dance and games now and then. December promises more sunshine and many more crafts and surprises for parents, too.

Happy Holidays

Miss Maria and Miss Madeleine

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