

PANORAMA RIDGE MONTESSORI

JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! Hope you all had a relaxing Holiday!

We are all settled in the classroom and learning quite a lot. The theme for this month is "Continent of North America". Children are exploring the North American Continent through puzzles, maps, discussion, songs and books. We are sculpting and painting the North American continent using clay. Lots of messy fun! Our studies will focus of the Canada side of the North American continent. We are going to move onto learning all about the animals, plants and weather in different parts of Canada.

We also provide all our students with one to one tutoring time. During this time we are teaching them phonetic sounds of Alphabets, reading, math and printing. We have started a home work system. Home works are meant to re-enforce what has been learnt in the classroom and it also provides the opportunity for parents to keep connected with their child's learning. If the home work does not fit in your family schedule then please let us know. Please make sure you help your child with their home work. We have put in a lot of effort preparing and purchasing the materials that are being sent home in form of paper, cards and books. We would appreciate to receive them back in the same good condition as it was sent home. Please note that there will be a charge for lost or damaged cards and/or books.

We are now accepting registrations for September 2011. Current students do not have to fill the registration form again but do have to email us to confirm registration for September 2011-June 2012 term. Also, the re-registration deposit of \$50 and the first month's fee is to be submitted with the registration in order to secure a spot. We have already started to receive applications from outside the school so we encourage you to submit application as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. When considering the number of days that your child will be attending, please note that when children attend all 5 days they attain maximum benefit from the program. This way they do not miss out on activities and also there is no gap in their learning during experiments and follow up discussion. Also, children who attend daily adapt more easily and learn most concepts faster. Please spread the word to your friends and families regarding registration. We are also making appointments for prospective students to come and view the school. Please let them to know that they can call and book an appointment.

We are still looking for more materials to fill up our phonic boxes. Thank you to the parents who brought some stuff. The phonic boxes are very helpful in teaching the alphabets as children are totally engrossed in learning when they can touch and feel the objects. If you wish to know what objects we are looking for and the size, please ask us at school.

Our School calendar is in sync with the Surrey School District but we have only scheduled one week Spring Break from March 21-25. However, we would like to know how many children will be coming to school the second week of Spring break. We realize that families having older children would like to have 2 weeks break so they could plan a holiday. We may change our decision according to the number of children that will be attending. It is not fun when the school is open and half the class is on holidays. Please email us and confirm attendance from March 28-April 4th so that we have an idea on the attendance.

Please note on your calendar that Student Led Conference is scheduled for March 4th. This is an opportunity for your child to show off their hard work during the school year. An email reminder and a schedule will be sent out closer to the date.

Please also consider this the last reminder for those who have not completed Emergency cards and have not sent in Emergency Kits for their children. Please note that the school has to follow Licensing regulations and incomplete records are an inconvenience to us during facility inspections. We request that you complete Emergency cards and kits by Monday, January 24th.

Regards,
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Ms. Sahar