

UE1 Classroom Newsletter

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"If help and salvation
are to come, they can
only come from the
children, for the
children are the
makers of men."

Maria Montessori

Here we are back from Winter Intercession already! I sincerely hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable break. As you all know Mrs. Yoder is on leave as she recovers from surgery on her foot. We are very happy to welcome Mrs. Ryan to our classroom as Mrs. Yoder is out. Many of you are familiar with Mrs. Ryan as she taught some of your children at Casa when they were younger.

We hope you all came out to support the January UE Bake Sale today! February's month is UE1 again. More details will come home as we prepare to host our second bake sale as a class.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

"Never help a child
with a task at which
he feels he can
succeed."

Maria Montessori

History

We are completing our block study of Eastern Europe and have had a lot of fun studying the Renaissance, Middle Ages, Knights, Castles, the Black Plague and much more! As we complete Block 3 we will be moving into Block 4 and our study of Western Europe and the Industrial Revolution. Please look for Block 4 materials in your email within the next week or two.

Science

5th and 6th years are completing their block 3 studies. Within two weeks we will begin Block 4. 5th years will have one more block which involve Ecosystems and 6th years will be completing their study of ecosystems and the human impact and then will begin studying light and sound waves.

Language Arts

Students are continuing to work on their weekly autobiographies. The last week of each block they type their journal entries and add it to their file in the classroom. Next week, students will be typing their journals.

Word Roots will be complete after next week and students should spend time studying their completed packets for the Final. We will then be moving into a new book with the start of Block 4.

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Your child will continue to receive a weekly Montessori sentence analysis/grammar lesson. Students have worked on the following concepts: Subject, Predicate, Direct Object, Indirect Objects, Helping Verbs, Compound Sentences, Invisible Subjects and Adverbs. We will continue all this work and add on to it each week.

MATHEMATICS

Students are working proficiently through their Singapore math assignments in their math groups.

Through the results of the students' MAP testing they are now receiving Geometry Montessori lessons on a weekly basis. We will be moving on to another strand of math in the coming weeks.

We begin each morning with a daily word problem. We then discuss and work through it each morning. The students will also be working in the classroom Competitive Edge Mathematics, EOG preparation books.

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Classroom WISH LIST

Chewy

New dates for January, February and March have been added to SignupGenius.com for Chewy. Please sign up for a weekend of your choice and host Chewy. He is very friendly, easy to care for, and we will send home with you food, and supplies.

Huge thank you to the Allgoods who hosted Chewy over Winter Intercession!

Please go to www.signupgenius.com and login using the email you receive school correspondence on. Thank you!!

Classroom Printer

The school has equipped each UE classroom with a classroom printer. We are very pleased to have the classroom printer as it assists with paper management and has decreased the time students have spent outside the classroom retrieving printed materials. However, we are responsible for replacing the ink. The ink cartridge costs \$40.00. We will need to replace the ink in the near future as we have been on the current cartridge since November. *If you are able to replace the cartridge or contribute some towards a new cartridge please send in your donation with your child. The ink cartridge is not covered by any classroom budget, unfortunately.*

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Clorox Wipes

At the beginning of the year each child came in with 2 containers of Clorox wipes, they have now been exhausted. If you could please send in 2 containers of Clorox wipes at this time it will get us through the rest of the school year.

6th Grade Field Trip Committee

Your fourth \$100 payment for the Washington DC trip is due on Friday, January 6th. The subsequent February payment is postponed until final fundraising is tallied. We will then notify all families of the amount of the February payment after the fundraising efforts are taken into account. **All fundraising must be complete and turned in to the Business Office by February 3rd.** Please keep an eye on the Yahoo! Group for more details as we plan afternoon meetings.

Camp Don Lee

This is the annual field trip for 5th graders. This year it is taking place in the beginning of March. We will be sending home notice of *mandatory* parent meeting for all 5th grade students where we will discuss this fieldtrip and chaperone needs.

CURRENT EVENTS

January 6th: December Washington DC Payment DUE

January 16th: School CLOSED, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 19th: Casa Board Meeting, 6:00pm

January 20th: NC On Demand Writing Test (#3 of 4), Grades 3-8

January 25th: Children Teach Parents, 6:00-7:30pm