

December 2023

# Newsletter

## Language Area

The Chinese sounds will be ㄊ ㄗ ㄛ and 尸 (chi, jr, char and shr) and 部首 (stroke). In the English classroom, the sounds are Rr, Ww, Mm and Jj. The children will work with object and word matching. They will do pink reading with picture and word matching. We will also play bingo. The Chinese poem is 山居秋暝. The English poem is "December."

"The greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say "The children are now working as if I did not exist."

-Maria Montessori



## Art and Music

The English classroom's songs are We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Jingle Bells. The Chinese class will learn 耶誕快樂 (Yeh Dan Quai Lu) 叮叮噹 (Din Din Dang). Art will include snowflakes, Christmas trees, stockings, and other holiday themes.

## Science and Geography

This month, we will focus on Africa. We will learn about the weather and animals that live there. Also, we will explore cultural diversity with the children as we focus on the many holidays.

### Calendar

12/8 - PARENT CONFERENCE - NO SCHOOL

12/20 MAKING GINGERBREAD HOUSES AND GINGERBREAD MEN

12/25-29 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

1/1 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR



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## Practical Life Area

This month we will focus on how to use measuring spoons including tablespoons and teaspoons. Students will also work with sewing and tweezer work.

## Math Area

The children will continue to learn more about the numbers they are working with and learn the concepts of more and less. For the older children, we will be teaching carrying over (dynamics) and counting by 5 and 10. Younger children will work on sandpaper numbers, red rods and Decimal system 1-10.



## Toddler

This month we will learn the poem 詠鵝. The songs will include 叮叮噹和耶誕快樂, "Counting 1- 10 penguin" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." The toddlers will learn counting numbers, crafts, color tablet, and spoon water transfer.

"A mistake is a crash-course in learning."

- Billy Anderson

