



# Pink Tower Press

Kennedy Heights Montessori Center Newsletter

## A Word From Our Director!



Marybeth Schneider - Executive Director

The school year at Kennedy Heights Montessori Center is moving on so quickly! The children are becoming increasingly familiar with the routines and rules, and have been enjoying a variety of work in the classrooms.

We would like to welcome new student Kate Noland in Mrs. Clark and Ms. Geiger's Montessori class, and Carter Laux and Hana Zhao into Mrs. Shinkle's Toddler class.

**The first essential for the child's development is concentration. The child who concentrates is immensely happy. ~ Dr. Maria Montessori**

\*Reminder\* : School will be closed Nov. 10th for Veteran's Day.



### Birthdays!!!

#### Staff

- Ms. Hall Nov. 4th
- Mrs. Lundy Nov. 13th
- Ms. Geiger Nov. 15th
- Mrs. Roemhild Nov. 27th

#### Mrs. Shinkle's Class

- Logan Nov. 29th

#### Mrs. Clark's Class

- Emma Nov. 5th

#### Mrs. Carlson's Class

- Riley Nov. 10th
- Ava-Alise Nov. 21st
- Wyatt Nov. 22nd

#### Mrs. Roemhild's Class

- Mila Nov. 14th
- Jayden Nov. 17th
- Adele Nov. 17th
- Ivy Nov. 26th

# Extended Day Program

## The Extended Day Teachers

Wow, November is already here. The children had a great time at Sunrock Farm and the Fall Festival this year! All of the children were excited to come back to school to share their favorite thing at circle time. It's wonderful to listen to the children when sharing their news or experiences. This month our theme is "A Time for Giving Thanks to Our Family & Friends." We will talk about military heroes in honor of Veterans Day, and things we are thankful for in preparation for Thanksgiving. We will also begin practicing for our holiday sing-a-long program that's coming up in December, so you may start hearing your child singing some Christmas songs soon. The weather is changing every day. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We go outside every day that the weather permits. The teachers will work on developing the following skills with the children. Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends!

Thank You,  
The Extended Day Teachers



## OHIO'S EARLY LEARNING STANDARD SKILLS

The Extended Day teachers have planned their lessons for the month of November. The teachers will focus on the following skills with the children:

Ohio Early Learning Development Standards

- \*\*Share family stories and traditions (share family pictures)
- \*\*Develop sense of belonging to different groups (family/friends)
- \*\*Recognize that people have many needs and wants
- \*\*Understand how sharing classroom materials can meet everyone's wants
- \*\*Participate in creating and following class rules and routines
- \*\*Hear sounds in words by isolating the syllables of a word using clapping, snapping or rhythmic movement
- \*\*Touch objects and say the number names when counting in the context of daily activities and play

\*\*Identify and name numerals 0-9

\*\*Demonstrate spatial awareness in physical activity or movement

\*\*Demonstrate basic understanding that physical activity helps the body grow and be healthy

Kindergarten Readiness Skills

\*\*Listen to and discuss songs, poems and stories about customs of people who live in the United States

\*\*Use stories, Folktales, music or books to learn about customs or other children around the world

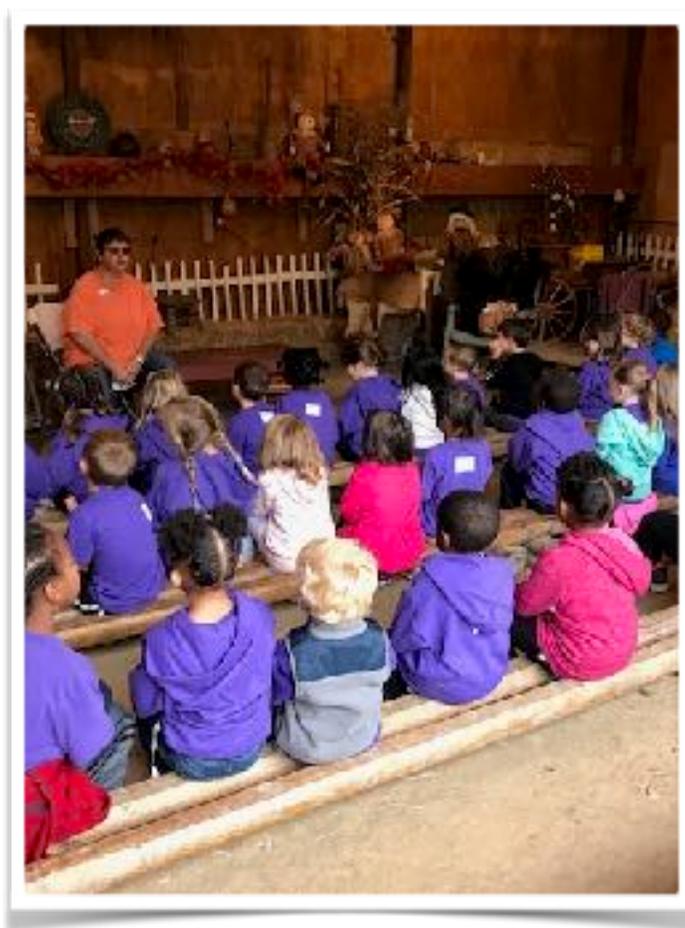
# The Busy Bees

Mrs. Shinkle, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Hall & Ms. Peacock

Hello Parents,

We are having a wonderful time! Your children are loving school and really into their routine. I am hearing words Dr. Montessori would be pleased to hear, "I did it myself," and "May I help you." They are also talking up a storm, and loving new lessons.

Thank you for sending your family picture to hang on our "Family Wall." The children look at them often. Thanks also for sending in items related to our particular studies. It is good for the children to stand up and show what they brought to share. Today we did the color game for "red." This month we will focus on yellow, triangles, and the sound O. If you need a reminder, I will always have information on the bulletin board. We



continue to do lots of patterning , using glue, scissors, scrubbing, pouring and number work.

PLEASE put your child's name on their jacket or coat AND lunch box. They do not need sippy cups for snack. They are doing well



# Mrs. Clark & Ms. Geiger

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Dear Families,

November is here already, the year seems to be flying by. In our classroom for the month of November we will be studying: Election Day, North America, Birds, Sink and Float, apples, weather, the sphere, Native Americans and Thanksgiving. For food preparation this month our class will be doing apple coring. This month we will have a Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 21 each parent will need to bring something to contribute, a sign up will be up on my bulletin board. This month we will be voting on Election Day for a name for our class (the cardinals vs. the ladybugs). Also, there will be a sign up for conferences for the month of November on the bulletin board in the hallway (mine is on the blue paper). The conferences will be for pre-kindergartners and Kindergartners, first year students will be in January.

In the month of November the Kindergartners will be studying the earth as a physical place. They will learn parts of the earth: the formation and characteristics of the crust, mantle and core. In addition the children will learn about the equator, axis and Cardinal Points. They will also learn about Pangaea. Our field trip this month will be on Thursday, November 2nd to Caldwell Nature Center (8:30-11:30), tying in our study of Native Americans. . Please continue working on sight words with the Kindergartners. Please have them practice the words daily and then bring them back to school when they know that packet.

using our cups. If there is a spill, the child wipes it up. As a reminder, we are a "nut free school." Please check the lunch box to see if their name has rubbed off the lunch box.

We are giving lessons on how to put on their coat. They can do it for you too. Please put any hats, gloves in the top opening of their cubbie, or, the coat sleeve.

Please welcome Carter Laux and parents, Sunny & Greg, also, Hana Zhao and parents, Lifei & Zach.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving on Tuesday, Nov. 21st. It is a day for giving thanks for family and friends, so, we will make a "Friendship Fruit Salad. You will get a note to send in some fruit which we will prepare with the class. We will also be making butter. If you want to make it at home for your Thanksgiving all you need is a pint of cream.

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving,

Phyllis, Karen, Rachael, and April

I would like to thank Courtney Wasson for helping with the Halloween party. I appreciate any questions, concerns or comments at any time. Feel free to contact me, my phone number is 513.526.3874 or you can email me as well at: shannon\_callahan@hotmail.com.

Sincerely, Shannon & Meghan

## **Mrs. Roemhild & Ms. Paddock**

Dear families,

November is going to be exciting. First, our room will conduct it's own Election Day (Nov. 7th) by voting on a class name. We will be choosing between our two "candidates", the Detectives and the Positive Peacocks. The children will get to exercise their right to vote in our classroom and we will celebrate with a parade, cake and milk. Watch for the results at the end of the day.

This month our focus will be on the the Woodland Native Americans, birds, United States of America and Ohio. The kindergarten children will be going to the Caldwell Nature Center on the 2nd to learn about local Native American tribes and their daily living. Thanksgiving will give us the opportunity to learn about our family's traditions and to recognize our many blessings. We will celebrate on November 21st with "stone soup" in which everyone will have an opportunity to contribute an ingredient. We will have food, an art project and games. If you would like to lend a hand, you are always



welcome. We will also be celebrating the birthdays of Mila, Adele, Jayden and Ivy this month.

November is also the month that we will be having parent/teacher conferences for the 4-5 year olds (pre-K and K). Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board for a time.

As the weather changes, it is time to exchange your child's extra clothing for warmer ones. Please remember to label EVERYTHING (socks and undergarments). Thank you in advance.

We also want to thank you for remembering our rules (no toys) for sharing. It makes for a calmer morning and transition. A helpful reminder: please mark your child's favorite page in their book so that it is easy find when the time comes. We have many people who like to participate in Sharing Days and this helps cut down on our "sitting time".

We are missing some "ME" pages. You may send those in at anytime. The children LOVE looking at them.

Finally, November gives us the opportunity to remember all of our blessings and we are very blessed and thankful for each of you. Bless

you all and we hope you have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Peace and Kindness

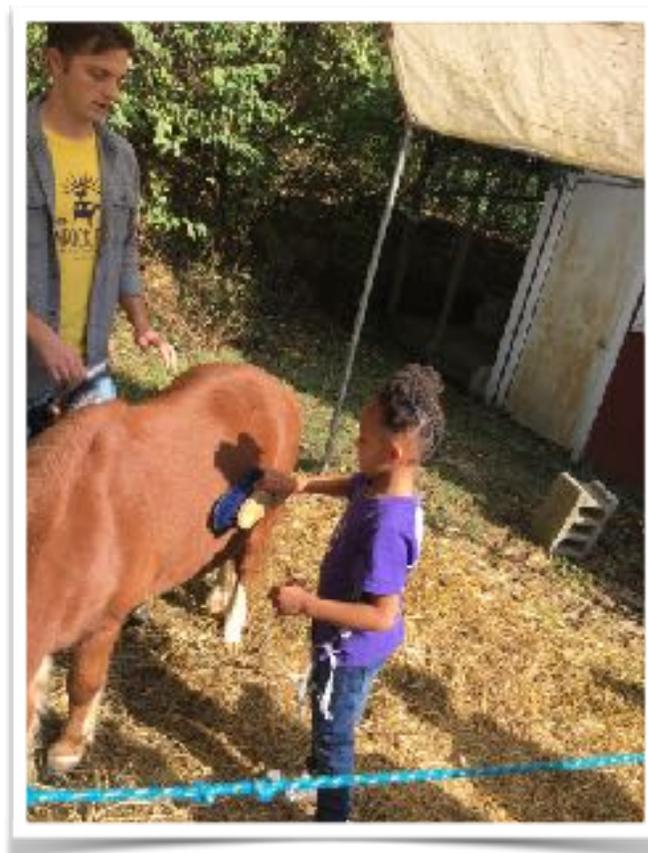
# Ms. Geiger & Ms. Paddock

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Hello Parents!

November is a very busy month for our classroom. First, our kindergarten class will be going to Caldwell Nature Center on Thursday, November 2nd. This is a very exciting time for our terrific kindergartners and hope they have fun learning on their field trip! On Election Day, November 7th, our classroom will have our very own voting on our classroom mascot. We will be choosing between our two "candidates", the smiling squirrels and giggly gophers. The children will have this opportunity to exercise their right to vote. We will then celebrate with a parade, treat, and milk. Watch for the results at the end of the day. This month our curriculum focus will be on Native Americans, birds, United States of America, and Ohio. These different topics will be emphasized throughout the areas of the environment.

We will also be celebrating Thanksgiving with stone soup on Tuesday, November 21st. Thanksgiving will give us the opportunity to learn and celebrate our family's traditions. Stone soup will also be enjoyed. This is another great opportunity for your child to contribute an ingredient. A reminder note will be in your child's cubby the week before to let you know what ingredient you can contribute.



Our kindergartner, Henry Fry, will be having a birthday on Thursday, November 29th. November is also the month we will be starting the parent/teacher conference for our pre-K and Kindergartners (4-5 year olds). These conferences are thirty minutes long, if you need additional time to meet please let me know. Please see the sign-up sheet on our classroom bulletin board and sign up as soon as possible!

As the weather changes, it is time to exchange your child's extra clothes for warmer ones. Please remember to label EVERYTHING. Remember if you put your child in rain/snow boots there should also be an additional pair of shoes for your child to change into. Rain/snow boots are only worn when your child goes outside.

Monday and Friday are still sharing days. It is becoming more and more popular with the children to bring something in. I wanted to take the time and thank you for remembering

our rules for sharing. (NO TOYS!) It makes for a great transition into work cycle. A helpful hint: if bringing in a book, please mark your child's favorite page so that it is easy to find when the time comes for your child to share their book. Again, there is A LOT of children wanting to participate in sharing days and this helps the children stay patient and focused.

We are missing some "ME" pages. You are welcomed to bring those in anytime. They make for a great sharing idea, if you have not brought your child's in yet. The children absolutely LOVE looking at them in our reading corner.

The month of November resonates with me of feeling thankful and giving thanks. I am so very thankful for your child and the opportunity to teach them. I feel very fortunate for the memories (filled with so much laughter) I get to share with your child. THANK YOU! I would also like to give a special thank you to Hilary Hardin, our classroom Mom, for coming in once a month and doing a creative craft with your child. These crafts make for a great keepsake or gift to a fellow friend/family member! Thank you, Hilary. You are appreciated!

Smiles,

Ms. Geiger  
Miss Paddock

## Ms. Carlson & Mrs. Smith

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Hello families!



As November approaches, I have been remembering a favorite quote of mine, "Hold the vision, trust the process." Although the author is unknown, I feel this speaks directly to Maria Montessori's method of following the child, and teaching what they are ready for, individually. Sometimes we may worry about if they are moving too fast or slow, if their emotional development is in line with their academics or how they are navigating the classroom independently. Sometimes it is important to remind ourselves that children are amazing and resilient, and together, child, parent and teacher, we will reach our goals. I am so happy to have support with your child and their journey every step of the way.

October has been a month of settling in. Our new kids are starting to really get the rules, routines and expectations down.

In November, we will be studying North America, Native Americans, Thanksgiving, voting, apples, sink & float, weather, amphibians, spheres, bubbles with sponge, murals, mosaics and collage. Our author of the month is Tomie DePaola and the artist of the month is Frida Kahlo. Our food prep for this month will be apple coring.

Two special events will be happening this month. Our classroom feast will be potluck style, and a sign up list will be posted outside the classroom for dishes to bring. Also, the kindergarteners will each select their favorite mascot and our class will vote on the two options for this year's classroom mascot. The vote will happen on Election Day.

Conferences are also coming up, mainly for second level preK and kindergarten children. First level preschool conferences will be in January, unless otherwise discussed. A sign up for those will also be on the bulletin board outside the classroom.

Thank you for your support!

Emily & Karen



# Director's Notes

Dear KHMC families,

During this month the children will be talking a lot about being thankful. I would like to thank **everyone** for their daily support of Kennedy Heights Montessori Center, **the the program committee** for their flexibility and creating a wonderful Fall Festival for the children and parents despite the rain, **the cleaning committee** for keeping the Montessori classrooms and Extended Day room clean and beautiful, the **materials and classroom helpers** who enrich our program, **the building committee** who keep our playground safe and fix and build many things and **the Board Members** who continually work on short and long term goals to make this the best experience for your child. Wow, you are the best group of parents a school could ask for! There are many ways to get involved in our school. If you would like to get more involved but you're not sure how, just ask a Board Member or me! The Board Members are listed in your new 2017-18 KHMC Directory that you recently received.

Our hallway is going to be very slippery when it get wets from rain or snow. Therefore, if your child wears boots to school we need him/her to bring a pair of shoes that he/she can change into. We need them to remove the boots upon entering the school. There will be soon be a bench built by a Boy Scout for his Eagle Project where they can sit and change into their shoes. They can put their boots in the plastic bins in their cubby. We hope this will help to eliminate any accidents. Be sure to mark your calendar with some upcoming dates. During the month of November we will be having **conferences for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students** to review their progress in the classroom. First year students will have their conferences in January. Conference sign-up sheets for each teacher are posted on the Montessori classroom bulletin boards in the main hallway. If November is not the time for your child's "official" conference, remember teachers are here every Tuesday from 4:00 – 5:30 if ever you wish to discuss your child's progress with a teacher or you can call the school for an appointment.

I wish each family a very special Thanksgiving holiday!

Marybeth

## Registration/Information Night

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November will be another busy month at KHMC. We will have our first Information/Registration Night for new prospective families on Wed. **Nov. 8 at 6:30 PM. Please invite your friends and neighbors** with toddlers and preschool children. We depend on our current families to “get the word out” about KHMC and the wonderful experience your child is having at KHMC! Childcare will be available for those who make a reservation.

## Veteran’s Day!

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**School will be closed on Fri. November 10 (Veterans Day)** for Staff In-Service. Our November Board Meeting will be on **Wed. Nov. 1 this month.** The meeting begins at 6:00. Parents are always welcome to attend.

## French Park Hike

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Bring your little hikers (and big ones too) as KHMC joins naturalist Amy Taghiof on a guided hike at **French Park** to explore life under a log. We'll read a story and then head out on the trail to discover this hidden world. Recommended for children of all ages. Registration is required.  
WHERE TO MEET: Parking lot closest to park entrance (bottom of hill)  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: Easy.  
WHAT TO BRING: Weather-appropriate clothing, water, comfortable footwear. Change of clothes in case it's muddy. Space is limited to 20 people, \$5 per family. Please email [mjzembrodt@gmail.com](mailto:mjzembrodt@gmail.com) to reserve your spots.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive!

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We will have our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** for the Kennedy Heights Caring Place from **Nov. 13 - 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please place your non-perishable food items in the designated boxes in the hallway. Thank you in advance for giving to those less fortunate during the holiday season!

## THANKSGIVING BREAK

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Classroom feasts will be celebrated the week of Nov. 20. **School will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday November 22, 23 and 24** for Thanksgiving.

## Winter Break Childcare

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Now that the busy month of October and Halloween is over, it's already time to start thinking about **Winter Break Childcare.**

Reservation forms are available in the pocket outside the office doors. Our last day of school before Winter Break is December 15, 2017. Winter Break is from Dec. 18 - Dec. 29. School begins again on Jan. 2, 2018. Childcare will be available December 27, 28, 29. Reservations are required. Please fill out the registration form and return it to the office to secure your child's space.

