

January 2010 Newsletter



SAGE COTTAGE MONTESSORI SCHOOL
142 MEADOW LANE
LOS ALAMOS, NM 87544
(505) 672-0534
<http://sagecottage.us>

Welcome to the New Year!

No Tuition Increase

We typically have tuition changes take effect in February, any increases going directly to employee pay and benefits. Due to the poor economy, we will not be increasing tuition this year. However, we will be rolling the \$10 music fee into monthly tuition, so you will no longer see this as a separate fee.

School student Openings

We currently have openings for infant's toddlers. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who might be looking for a safe, enriching environment for their little ones.

Science Program

Cheri will be doing science with the Early Childhood and Transition classes 2 out of every 3 Wednesdays, beginning this week.

Gardener Needed

The past few years Rene Holaday (Tom's Mom) has coordinated and set up our school gardens. Now that Tom is in kindergarten, we need someone to take over this very important part of our summer experience. Please let us know if you could help in this area.

January Closings

We will be closed Monday, January 18 for MLK holiday. We will also be closing early (4pm) on Friday, January 29 for staff training.

As always, please don't hesitate to bring any concerns or suggestions to our attention. You may reach Susana and Cheri at director@sagecottage.us or 672-0534. We appreciate your support!

Thanks.
Susana & Cheri

Transition Class

Dear Families:

HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2010!! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday as well as fun times with family and friends!

The children will take a little time to adjust again to the routine but we are all glad to be back and ready to play and learn new things.

This month we will study Antarctica, and the animals of that continent. We will touch on animals of North and South America as well. We will also be naming and recognizing musical instruments plus the winter's snowman, snowflakes and hibernation, etc.

We will start up with Zoophonics again and our letter of the week which is E.

We would like to ask each child to bring a box of sugar cubes as we will be constructing igloos. I'm sure they will taste one or two of the cubes.

We will have Helen and Nathan from the Toddler Room visiting and will join our little group the end of the month.

Moses will be joining the EC Room in a week or two as he will be 4 years old in March. We will miss him but he is ready.

Starting this New Year we will be sending home a Daily Parent Report about your child. We hope you will find it helpful.

Parent/Student Night is just around the corner, February 24 - 25, to be exact. We will post more details later.

As always, thanks for being such great parents and sharing your children with us. If you have any concerns, please feel free to talk with Tanya, Alyssa, or Beth.

Thank you,
Ms. Beth

Ms. Tanya

Ms. Alyssa

INFANT and TODDLER CLASS

Hi Infant/Toddler Families:

HAPPY NEW YEAR. Welcome back. We hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday.

January is the month we will be learning about arctic animals (Polar Bears, Penguins, etc). We will also be learning how to share and to be kind to each other.

We will miss Nathan and Helen as they move on to the Transition Class. Curtis and Owen will be joining the Toddler Class. Congratulations to Curtis who is now walking and Owen who is crawling. Now they can keep up with the rest.

We would like to give a big THANKS to the parents for all the wonderful gifts we received from them.

Reminders:

- Please remember to sign your child in and out each day.
- Please label all your child's items so there is no confusion regarding their belongings.
- With the cold weather outside, please bring gloves, hats snow boots, warm coats for when we take the children outside.
- We would like to have a family picture of all our families.
- We will be closed Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King Day
- We will be closing early @ 4:00 on Friday, January 29 for staff training.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Early Childhood

Dear Early Childhood Families:

We are beginning the New Year off by learning about animals of North and South America and Antarctica in Geography.

Example - Animals -Brown bear & bald eagle, etc. plants - Forest flowers. So included in our studies of Antarctica, the students will be making sugar cube igloos and penguins. We are asking parents to donate a box of sugar cubes for this activity.

Music - The students will be learning about the concept of music notes (Bell work)

Dance - Folk dance - puppets.

Language - Chalkboard work - grid work - writing sounds & numbers.

Draw a picture page

Math - Teen board - (11-19) & clockwork

Sensorial - Listening games and color box 3

We are excited to welcome Moses to our classroom but sad to say a temporary farewell to Haley. She will be out of school as they welcome a new baby girl into their family. So CONGRATUTIONS to the Martinez family.

Stephen, Emma, Alex, Nicholas, & Haley have begun learning sight words, are about to hit a sensitive period with language, so parents, you are encouraged to practice those sight words with your children and most important, READ to them.

Thank you.

Ms. Barbara,

Ms. Melissa,

Ms. Tammy