



**JANUARY'S MONTHLY THEME IS:
"DINOSAURS"**

This month our children will be learning about Dinosaurs! This is always a favorite theme. They will learn the names of many dinosaurs, and some of their attributes such as whether they were plant- or meat-eating, their sizes and shapes, and how we came to discover what they looked like (through fossil evidence). Please feel free to send in any related books or materials and remember to ask your children what they learn!

STAFF UPDATES

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Darrell to our afternoon staff! Mr. Darrell is the son of Miss Elinna, and the brother of Mr. Dylan, and a former Cherry Hill Montessori student. He is a pre-med major in college and we have known him since he was a toddler. He will be taking the hours of Mr. David who is studying for his last semester in college.

Mr. David will continue as a substitute for the rest of the school year and we expect to welcome him back to our regular staff for Summer Camp. Good Luck, Mr. David! We are all so proud of you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/10/12 Mr. Josh "The Music Man"
- 1/16/12 School Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- 2/8/12 Picture Day (Information coming soon!)

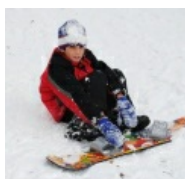


**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:
CHERRY HILL MONTESSORI'S ANNUAL
"CONSONANT OF THE WEEK"**

Our popular "Consonant of the Week" activities start the week of January 9th. Beginning with the letter "B", and continuing in alphabetical order, each week will celebrate the use and sound of the featured consonant. Children are encouraged to bring items from home beginning with the letter of the week, and to share those items with the class. So, for the first week, our "B" week, your child may bring in items such as bananas, bottle caps, baby bottles, Berenstain Bear books, etc., and then talk to the class about the items. The children can talk about where the items came from, their significance, or anything at all they want to tell us. This is a fun activity that not only reinforces phonics skills, but it also allows your child to practice speaking in front of a group (volunteer only!). Have your children put their thinking caps on and be creative! All items will be returned at the end of each week, and reminders will be posted on the front door of the school.

January Schedule:

- 1/9/11 B
- 1/16/11 C
- 1/23/11 D
- 1/30/11 F



SNOW DAY REMINDER

Get ready for winter snow!!! There are many ways to find out whether Cherry Hill Montessori will be closed in the event of inclement weather, or will have a delayed opening. First, we will try to send out an email to each of you through our email service as early as possible, and we will post the closing or delay information on our website cherryhillmontessori.com. We use the same snow number as the Cherry Hill Public Schools - 551 - so, if Cherry Hill Schools are closed, so are we. If Cherry Hill Schools have a two-hour delay, then so will we. In such event, we will open at 10:00 am for all morning students and full day students. We have also made arrangements to broadcast any closings or delays on Channel 10 so look for

the Cherry Hill Montessori, or Montessori Learning Center, closing or delay information. In the event we need to close in the middle of the day, we will attempt to contact parents first, and then the persons listed on the emergency contacts list. We request your cooperation and, especially, your courtesies in arranging early pick-ups for children when the weather becomes severe. We have staff members who live farther away, and it is always safer to be ahead of any storms!

A Special Thank You to all for the Holiday Gifts and your tremendous generosity to the staff. Also, we took two vans of toys to New Visions Community Center in Camden as part of our holiday community service project. We appreciate your extensive involvement in and contributions to this toy drive.



Our "Wish List" for January:

1. Scrap paper.
2. Plastic shopping bags (for soiled clothing or other items that need to be sent home).
3. Volunteers to send in fresh vegetable or fruit snacks for your child's classroom. (Please see you child's teacher to volunteer).

A few reminders:

1. Please remember to send your child to school with a warm coat, gloves and a hat as we continue to go outside throughout the winter when weather conditions allow.
2. Please be sure that you bring your child before 9:00 am. Not only is circle time an important step in the morning routine, but late entry makes for a difficult transition for your child.
3. Make sure you sign in and out when you drop off and pick up your child.
4. Do not block traffic flow in the parking lot. Please pull all the way up when dropping off or picking up your child.

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