



Winter 2025 Newsletter

From the Directors

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful and joyful holiday season. We are looking forward to the new year with the children and families.

We would like to welcome our new families to our Hope community. Your children are quickly settling into new routines and showing signs of confidence and independence.

As we look back on 2024 and ahead to 2025, we reflect on our Hope families that trust us with their most precious gifts everyday. It is such an honor and responsibility. We are so thankful for your trust and support of our Montessori program. We appreciate all of the words, emails, and notes of gratitude and want you to know that we appreciate you, too!



Mark Your Calendars

February 6
Lunar New Year
Celebration

February 13
Classroom Valentine's
Day Celebrations

February 13
Thanks A Latte

February 14
SCHOOL CLOSED
Hope/Andrews
Professional Conference

As Montessori educators, we treasure this time. Children return from the holidays with a fresh, eager dedication and focus. We observe this every year. Children can barely wait for new lessons and their intellectual and social growth is tremendous during this period. With that said, I would encourage you to make an effort for your children to arrive in a timely manner each day. The Montessori work time is an essential ingredient in our approach to education. We thank you for your support.

Warmly,

Theresa and Lindsay

February 17
Presidents' Day
School Open

March 2
Grandparent Tea

March 17 -21
Spring Break
No Montessori Classes -
childcare provided

Dear Parents,

There are no words for the amount of gratitude I have for the outpouring of love, prayers and well-wishes you have shown towards me and my family over the past few weeks. Each note, chat, hug means the world to me. After my first treatment, I am feeling good and happy to be at school and in a routine.

With Gratitude!
Theresa

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE....

We are updating our student directory; please advise the office if you have had any changes in your address, phone, or email listings.

For tax purposes, our **TAX ID number is 23-7240338.**



With the fluctuating winter weather, you never know just how quickly the weather can change throughout the day. We just want to remind you that our staff makes every effort to come to school every day. In the event of inclement weather, please call before you leave home to be sure that the staff has arrived. Any changes to our normal schedule or closings would be announced through our School Messenger Alert System.

School Sick Policy

Please refamiliarize yourself with our school sick policy. We use guidance from the DESE licensing rules, the county health department, and the CDC to assist us in writing these policies. Please look over the policy and let us know if you have any questions.



Hope Montessori Sick Policies



Lunar New Year, February 6, 2025 -10:30 a.m.

One of our favorite days of the year is our annual celebration of the Lunar New Year. Each class creates a dragon/animal head for the children to parade behind. Some play instruments and others wiggle under the long red cloth. On February 6th, at 10:30 a.m we will parade thorough the school. We will also share in a traditional Asian meal prepared by our kitchen staff. If your family would like to engage in an activity or prepare a dish to share for this celebration please contact your classroom teacher. **Lunch is not included for parents for this celebration.**



Valentine's Day Celebrations February 13

The classrooms will celebrate Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 13th. Check with your child's teachers on the specifics for the room's celebration. If time permits, you might consider making valentines with your child - the ones they bring to share can be very simple. The teachers ask that they do not address the cards to anyone, only to sign your child's name - it makes the distribution much easier. The Kindergarten children may sign and address their cards.

Thanks - A- Latte Thursday, February 13, 2024 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

To show our appreciation for all your support throughout the year, we have organized our annual "Thanks-a-Latte" coffee event. Carol Schuermann from *The Friendly Cup* will arrive early on the morning of Thursday, February 14th, to serve chai tea and delicious coffee and lattes for parents and staff from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Please plan a few extra minutes on this morning to pick up a beverage to go. It is one of our favorite mornings!



Grandparent Tea - Sunday, March 2, 2024

It is always such a joy to see the love and special relationship between children and their grandparents. We just wanted to remind you of the date, realizing that some children's grandparents do not live in the area and might require a little more notice if they plan to attend. If it is not possible for them to attend, your child is welcome to bring another relative or a friend of the family.

Please RSVP - Sign up sheets outside classrooms coming soon

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Classrooms 3, 4, 7

12:45p.m. -1:45 p.m.
Classrooms 1, 5, 6



Spring Break, March 17 - 21

During the week of March 17 - 21, Hope will be open regular hours for childcare; however, there will be no Montessori classes.

From Angels' Arms...

Dear Friends at Hope Montessori,

We can't thank you enough for providing gifts for all of the children at Angels' Arms this year! Thank you for brining so much joy on Christmas morning. It was so moving seeing the photos of the kids loading up the gifts! And we loved their handmade ornaments which will be a great keepsake for the children in our care.

Thanks again and have a safe and Happy New Year!
With Much Gratitude,

Melissa Singler



MANY THANKS ...

To all of the families who donated so generously to the Staff Holiday Gift. We all thank you so very much! We were overwhelmed with your generosity! And a special thank you to Missy Blackwell (Baron, Rm 3 and Arabella, Rm 6) for all her time and effort in organizing the collection. It is truly appreciated by all the staff!

To Mark Robinson, Lori Casagrande, and the Kindergarten children for sharing their talents with us during the Christmas celebration. Their exquisite performance enhanced our program more than words can express.

To Katie Durham and Dani Wides for sharing the story of Hanukkah at our Hanukkah celebration. To Mark Robinson, Grace Callahan, and Susan Luebbbers for an emotional performance of "Shalom". What a wonderful way to celebrate and learn!