



Key Dates in January

- **January 1st:** Tuition Due
- **January 6th:** School Resumes
- **January 13th:** Scholastic Orders Due
- **January 17th:** Teacher Institute Day— NO SCHOOL
- **January 20st:** MLK Jr. Day — NO SCHOOL
- **January 24th:** Registration forms for 2019-2020 School Year Due

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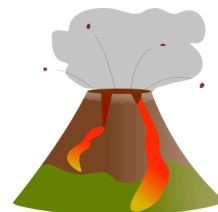
Tidbits From The Teachers



We wish you all a very Happy New Year! We hope you had a joyful holiday season and that the children are excited to return to school to share all of their special holiday fun with their class. They are sure to bring back a new energy level that is ready to be

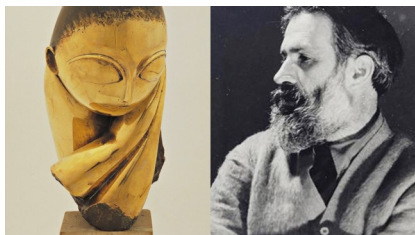
works.

The study of our planet Earth will continue as we introduce the inner layers and the occurrences of volcanoes. We will discuss eruptions and rocks that explode from volcanoes. Learning the names of the many rocks can be a challenge itself!



It is during this time of the school year that we notice children freely choosing activities that meet their inner needs and working with immense concentration. Maria Montessori called this phenomena “normalization.” The children learn to work in a prepared environment while the teacher enjoys watching them unfold their talents.

Extended Day Updates



Art Appreciation



This month we will be learning about the famous sculptor Constantin Brancusi . Brancusi was part of the following art movement: Modernism. We will be sculpting our own snowflakes, and our own “sleeping” muses!



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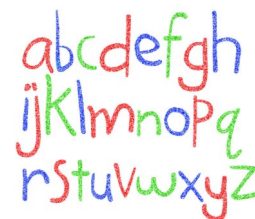


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Let's start the new year off by learning about our planet Earth. We will explore more about the Earth's gravity, magnetism and rocks, and all the things that make our planet awesome!



Phonics Fun



As you know, each week we introduce a new letter and its sound. We have each child say a word that begins with that letter. We also practice printing the letter. As we return to class in January, we will review all of the completed letters, work on recognition, and proceed with our next letter and its associated activities.

Reminders from the Office

- ✍ **2020-2021 registration forms and fees** are due back to the office by Friday, January 24th. As always, first priority for registration is given to returning students and/or incoming siblings. We will open registration to the public January 27th.
- ✍ **Winter Carpool**— Remember as we do each year during the months of January and February, there will be no carpool. Parents need to park and walk their students to the door where the teachers will meet you.
- ✍ **Monthly Tuition.** Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. There will be a \$20 late fee if payment is received two days late. Please remember to return your tuition envelope with your tuition check.
- ✍ **Please Label** all of your child's jackets, hats, mittens, etc. There are so many in each of our coat rooms—this makes it easier for everyone.
- ✍ **Scholastic Book Orders** for this month are due by January 15th. Please remember all orders are due online. The teachers are able to add to their classroom library because of the many bonus points earned each month!
- ✍ **Severe Weather Closings.** In case of severe weather, please visit the Emergency Closing Center website. You can check emergency closings at: www.emergencyclosings.com
- ✍ **Calling the school when your child will be out sick:** When you are calling your child in, please include a brief description of your child's symptoms. It's especially important for our staff to be aware of any illnesses that are contagious.



The teachers and children would like to extend a huge thanks to all those who donated items to our school during the month of December. Your generosity contributes to the success of our school. Thanks so much!

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