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Amy Shepherd, Program Director http://www.rusd.org/district/montessori-program-0 **January 2018**

Happy New Year!

Dear Montessori Program Families,

We all hope that everyone enjoyed some time over the holidays with family and friends. The new year is a great way to begin with a fresh new start to help achieve personal or family goals. As a staff we will be working to reflect on our own personal and professional goals in order to make sure that each and every one of our students is succeeding!

Coming Soon!

Please be on the look out for a parent survey link that will be shared with all Montessori program Families in the next few weeks. The link will be emailed and a hard copy will come from your child's teacher. We greatly appreciate your feedback. Also, do not hesitate to contact Amy Shepherd, Program Director at Amy.shepherd@rusd.org or by phone at 664-6850 or 664-8200 if you have any questions or concerns.

Parent Tip!

Have you been wondering about how to incorporate more of the Montessori philosophy into your home? At our Practical Life presentations, the teachers discussed some easy ways to integrate your child's independence into your home routine. Help your child become independent with food prep by filling a small pitcher in the fridge with juice or milk so s/he can fill their own cup. Also give your child his or her own drawer within their reach so they may select utensils for dinner. Patience is key and practice will help to refine their skills!

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The 45 Layout is a "big" math work in the Primary Classroom. It is an elaborate set up that builds numbers using unit cubes, ten bars, hundred squares and thousand cubes. It is based on the decimal system with an introduction to place value. Two rugs are needed; a lot of materials are used. The child starts by laying the wooden numerals 1 - 9 on the right side of the rug. Next, they associate the proper quantity of unit cubes by placing them next to the wooden cards with that number. Next the wooden numerals 10 - 90 are laid to the left of the ones and the proper number of ten bars is placed corresponding to their number. The hundred squares 100 - 900 are each given their correct corresponding squares to the left of the tens. Lastly, to the left of the hundred squares, the thousand cubes are placed with their numerals and their matching cubes. To the left, Noah, is doing the layout without the numbers . He has already competed the 45 Layout with the numbers!

Important Dates!

January 15—No School, Martin Luther King Day
January 19—2 Hour Early Release at 12:05pm for 5K students
February 2—3 Hour Early Release @ 11:05am for 5K students
February 16—2 Hour Early Release @ 12:05pm for 5K students
March 2—No School, Full Day Professional Development for Teachers