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November 2016 Newsletter

Parents' Week is Nov. 15th-18th. Welcome to the new families enjoying their first Parents' Week. Visiting school during class time will give you experience with the rhythms and players. Talk with the staff or veteran parents for tips and encouragement. Pass your project ideas by Tara or Kathleen soon, either by email or in person, so you're ready for your time here. We like to know what each planned project is ahead of schedule.

Starting Nov. 15th, everyone should be at school by **8:53** during Parents' Week and the Crafts Weeks. School buildings are open at the usual time for those still needing early drop off. After a focused first ten weeks of school, we relax the schedule and enjoy a slower school pace.

Thanksgiving Break is from Nov. 19-28th. We return to school on Tuesday, Nov. 29th. **Winter Break** is from Dec. 17th through Jan. 2nd. We return for the *Hard Nine Weeks* Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.

Crafts Weeks are the three weeks before Winter Break. We will be focusing on crafts for these 3 weeks, with some yoga and meditation thrown in the mix. Beading, embroidery, basket making, pagan tree decorating, felting, tin and leather work will again be the main crafts. Remember that adult elves are always welcomed during the Crafts Weeks. Come in and be part of the crafty fun.

Reading is important. With no academic work being done, all students should use some of their time at home to read favored books. We also have plenty for loaning if they have an interest. We encourage that you read to your children as long as they will let you, and many will into their teens.

Mind/Body Integration and neurological development are greatly enhanced by the fine motor building of crafts. These activities also help build and align the school community. Did I

also mention that we have fun, produce unique crafts and beautiful gifts? In these times of commercial gifts and iPod music we hold to the old ways of crafted projects and shared knowledge.

Jimmy Carter was correct; we all can wear sweaters as the first step of winter warmth. At school, the classrooms are kept at a temperature where a light sweater over a warm shirt, is the appropriate attire. Less energy use and less greenhouse gases; more alert students; are all good things.

Notify me by e-mail in the morning if your child will miss that day or is injured and cannot walk a lap. Also, please e-mail notifications for planned absences, that way I have a record and will not forget:-).

Adolescent hygiene becomes a greater need as the weather turns colder and the windows and doors are kept closed. Bathing and deodorant should be liberally applied.

Field trip to a Pro Musica Youth Concert is on Nov. 4th and our young charges seem to enjoy the day's adventure. Please help them be prepared with hat, walking shoes, water bottle and a large lunch.

Pajama Day will be on Nov. 11th. Regular shoes for park will be needed as well as plenty of food. We all deserve a relaxed day of fun and a way to celebrate the end of Fall Term. Lots of amazing learning and mentoring has happened in every class. We are proud of how quickly our little community has come together during the start of this lovely year.

Tara