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# MVM News

## A GIGANTIC THANK YOU TO ALL!

*A special thank you to Jaime Oldmixon for all the time and energy he donated building the new cabinets in the hallway. Our goal was to organize and declutter. We selected units that are not only heavy, but cumbersome. Jaime was not in the least intimidated by the very lengthy directions. Catherine and I particularly appreciated how he even let us help a bit. Brave man. Imagine our surprise when he put the second one together, without us, in even less time! He also helped stabilize many of the coat hooks and has done a lot of work for us in the past to make the teacher's job more streamlined. Thank you to Ava O's very special dad.*

Happy 2016 MVM families. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year. We knew how excited the children were getting about Santa's arrival. Some seemed almost filled with electricity! We hope that energy eventually settled into calm, peaceful family time. We were proud that they were able to focus during the performance and project their enthusiasm to you on the last day of school. After we said our final good byes, we opened the beautiful presents under the tree. Your generosity kept us there for quite awhile! MVM was given much needed Kleenex, flair pens of all colors, boys and girls underpants and lots of socks. We were gifted cleaning supplies, rubber gloves, tracing paper (we go through tons), copy paper, card stock, construction paper and beautiful (and useful) glitter markers. We unwrapped balls for the playground (five!), baby wipes, hand soap, pink colored pencils (they are so

hard to find) and an interactive science library. When the children arrive on Monday they will get to hear the new stories we were given, play with sand toys and dry their hands with fresh rags. All the teachers should be bright eyed as we can now get coffee using one of the gift cards you gave us or using new pods for our Keurig. We were overwhelmed with your generosity...and then we looked inside the donation box for a new playground a structure. The total came to \$1,285.00! Words really do not express how blessed we feel. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. It is going to be very exciting when we meet with the parent group to determine which structure to select.

# *Back to the Routine*

Animal Wonders will be visiting on Thursday mornings for the next two weeks. The children (and staff) have loved the animals they bring and the information they share. We continue to marvel at their knowledge, manner with the children, and clarity in sharing all they know. The first week of school will be a time to gently re-acclimate. It is a nice time because the children usually seem very ready to return to the routine of school and see their friends. We won't be surprised, however, if some are less than excited to leave your loving embrace. Thank you for trusting us and keeping to as normal a routine as possible: a loving hug, a quick good-bye and a wave at the window.

## *Cultural Studies*

The children in the 3-6 classrooms will soon be studying the solar system! It is always a lot of fun. Then we will focus on Earth, an overview of the seven continents, and a study of Africa. We have a lot planned so are very excited. Please let us know if you have anything you would like to contribute (hint, hint Mike Ellis). The children are always so proud when a family member comes in to share something. We love it, too!

*We look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you again for all you do for MVM.*

