

A GREAT START TO A NEW YEAR

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, February 14th
Valentine's Day

Monday, February 17th
President's Day
NO SCHOOL

Outdoor Gear Reminder

Montana weather is unpredictable. As the temperature has risen we have had an influx of water on the playground. We would like to remind you to please bring appropriate outdoor gear for your child as we do play outside daily. It would also be helpful if your child had two pairs of mittens at school, particularly for those who stay for after care. Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM THE TAUPE ROOM



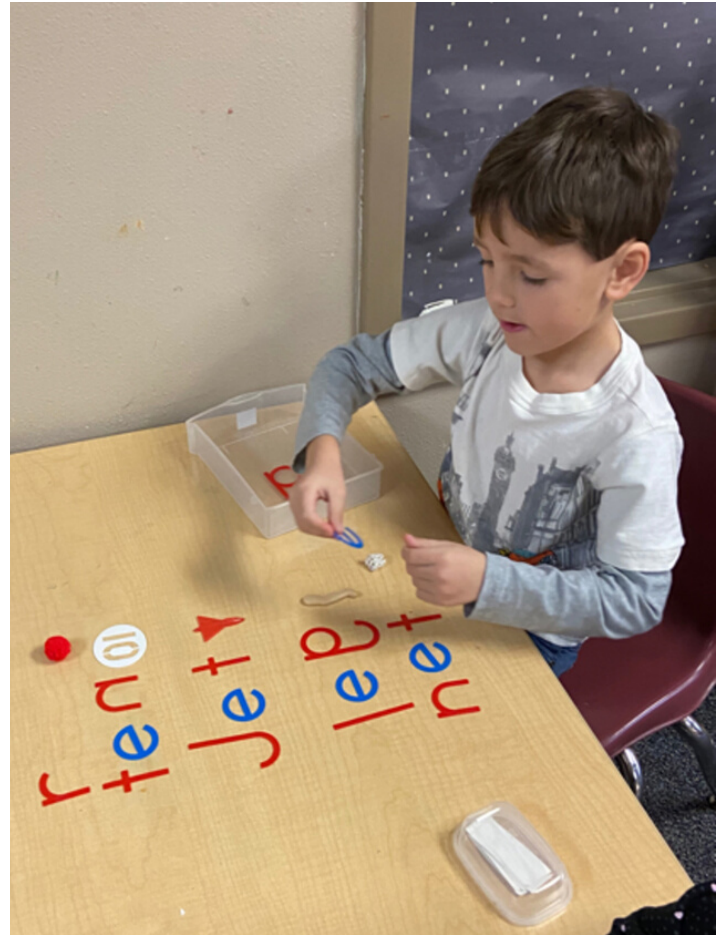
The new year is off to a great start in the taupe room. When we returned from winter break I was amazed at how smoothly everyone got back to the routine. There were many new works to greet them. On the cultural shelves there are a variety of works to explore from magnets to playing a melody harp. (Cultural is the umbrella term in Montessori for History, Biology, Physical science as well as the Arts).



We are using a variety of building blocks from Legos to Lincoln Logs or magnetic tiles to introduce some STEM activities. Blocks help children develop skills in all of the STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Blocks have been a favorite activity for children since time began for a reason! If you don't have any type of blocks at home I encourage you to provide them for your child (children).

In December we were exploring animals of North America and we are now digging a little deeper into a study of the five classes of vertebrates. Soon we will begin our continent focus for this year which is North America. What vertebrates can be found in North America?

Much progress is being made by all the children in so many areas. I am pleased to see how comfortable they are with our daily routines and



with each other. All of the children are so independent when making snack for example or setting the table at lunch time. They serve themselves cereal or make hot chocolate. It's really wonderful to see. I encourage you to provide your child with opportunities to use these skills at home. It makes them feel so proud when they can do so many things without any help.

In short full speed ahead for the taupe room. Hooray!



WE LOVE OUR HEALTHY BODIES

A Valentine's Day Celebration

Valentine's Day is rapidly approaching. The air is already buzzing at MVM with talk of valentine cards and candy. This year we will be approaching the upcoming holiday a bit differently than we have in years past.

Each of the primary classes will be having a brief celebration within their classroom with the theme of "We Love Our Healthy Bodies." During this time we will emphasize the importance of eating healthy food and taking care of our bodies. We will also be serving a few healthy snacks. This celebration

will be small and we will not be needing any volunteers or parent participation.

This year we will NOT be asking the children to bring Valentine's cards or candy for their classmates from home. We will instead have card making work available all week in each classroom.

Keep an eye out for our Valentine's Day snack sign-up sheets. If you sign up to bring snack, we ask that you follow our healthy theme and avoid bringing candy or sweet treats. Thank you!

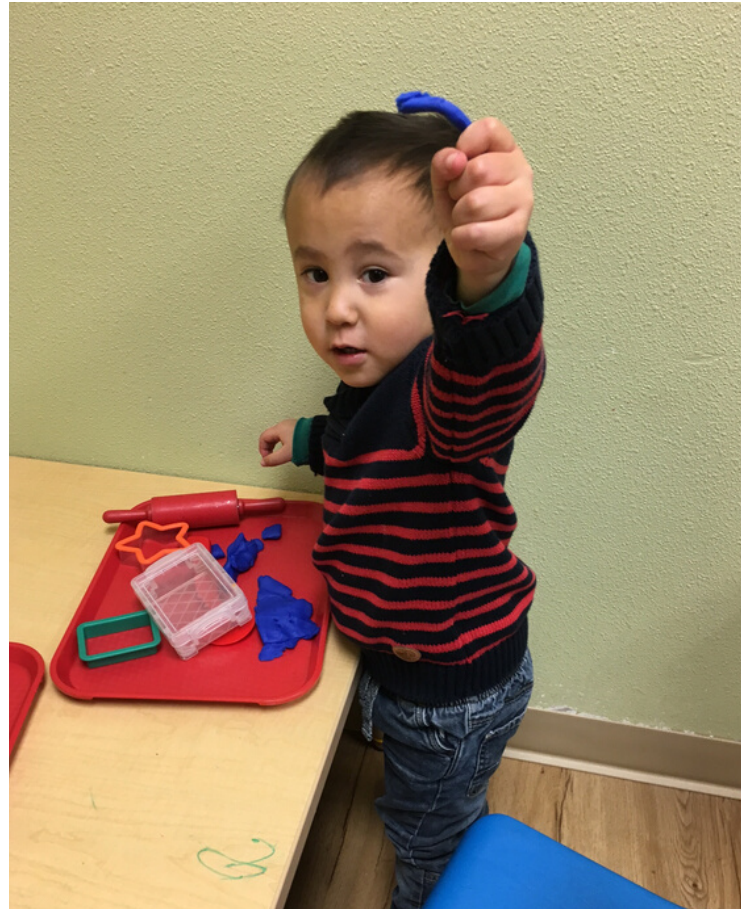
PHOTOS FROM THE TAUPE ROOM



PHOTOS FROM THE EARLY LEARNER ROOM



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PHOTOS FROM THE GREEN ROOM



"This is how ladies drink." (takes a sip of tea) "Then they start talking. Ladies are always talking."



PHOTOS FROM THE GREEN ROOM



PHOTOS FROM THE BLUE ROOM



PHOTOS FROM THE BLUE ROOM



"When I grow up I want to be a teacher. I think my name will be Alyssa... And I'll probably be a girl too."

