

## Montessori Center of Downriver - November Newsletter



*"If salvation and help are to come, it is from the child, for the child is the constructor of man and so of society. The child is endowed with an inner power which can guide us to a more enlightened future."* Maria Montessori, Education for a New World, p. 1

### A Word from Our Director

I hope you all had a wonderful October. The children have settled in nicely to their school routine, and we love seeing them each and every day.

I wanted to thank you for your understanding during this difficult time. We would love more than anything to welcome you into our building, but so far, our protocols have kept us all safe. Even with families having received a Covid diagnosis, we have managed to avoid any positive cases among both staff and children.

We will continue to do our best to ensure that your children are safe from all viruses.

Have a great November and a Happy Thanksgiving,

Ms Mary

## In the Classroom

This past month, all the classrooms decorated their doors for Halloween.



Ms Ashley's Room

In Ms Ashley's room in November, we will be working on transportation.



Mrs. Dona's Room

In Mrs. Dona's Room in November, we will be working on North American Indigenous culture.



Ms Paula's Room

In Ms Paula's room in November, we will continue working on farms and farm animals.



Mrs. Melissa's Room

In Mrs. Melissa's room in November, we will be working on food groups and nutrition.

## Halloween Fun!



## Announcements

1. We sent out links to Google Calendars for each classroom. You can now sign up directly to bring snacks using the calendar for your child's classroom. Please feel free to add your child's birthday as well! If you have any issues accessing the calendar, let Ms April know.
2. We enjoyed a fun-filled Halloween morning on October 29th! Children did Halloween activities, danced to spooky music, and went trick or treating in the building!

3. In October, we welcomed a new member to the staff! Ms April will be working mornings, Monday through Friday, in the front office. Originally from Canada, April has been living

Downriver since 2015. She has a literature degree and a background in editing and writing. Her youngest daughter is also joining us in Ms Paula's room

## Upcoming School Events

### November

6th: Staff will be attending a Michigan Montessori Society workshop: "Neuroscience of Montessori: Practical Applications"

25th & 26th: Thanksgiving Break (school closed)

### December

20th - 31st: Christmas Break (school closed)

## Montessori at Home

Whether you are celebrating Thanksgiving this month or just want to make family dinners a little more special, [this napkin folding activity](#) brings a practical life lesson into your home. It helps develop the movements necessary for folding, including control of the fingers. It also indirectly introduces the concept of geometry and promotes independence and concentration. You'll need cloth napkins and a washable marker to draw the lines on the napkin.

Consider having children [set the table](#) as well! They could make their own special placemats with simple art supplies if you don't have any readily available. Have them gather a bowl of leaves, pinecones, and other treasures they find outside to use as a centerpiece.

## In the Kitchen

It's fall, which means sweaters, leaves, and...pumpkins! Children love to work in the kitchen, scooping, pouring, and mixing, and [this pumpkin loaf is perfect to make together](#).

## For the Love of Reading

### For Parents

[The Importance of Family Meals](#)

### Children's Books

1. Gracias, the Thanksgiving Turkey by Joy Cowley
2. Duck for Turkey Day by Jacqueline Jules
3. Rivkas First Thanksgiving by Okon Rael