



Run of the Mill

Director's Report

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and managed to stay warm with all of the frigid weather we've been having. Thank you to everyone for all of the nice treats- it was so thoughtful of you to think of me!

If the big December snow storm was a predictor of what's coming this winter, we could be in for a long one! Even during the winter months, we try to take the children outside whenever possible. Please remember to send in hats, mittens and warm coats. If there is snow on the ground, boots are great too!

January is always a fun month here at MCPP. My favorite day of the year, pajama day, will be held on January 13th and 14th. Children (and teachers) wear pajamas to school and eat delicious pancakes for snack. It doesn't get any better than that!

On Friday, January 15th, the Odyssey Opera Theatre is coming at 9:30. Everyone is invited to attend! This is an interactive assembly where the children will actually get to participate in putting on their own opera! It should be a lot of fun. More information will be sent home about this

exciting event.

I just wanted to remind everyone that school starts at 9:00 for am classes and 12:30 for pm classes. Please don't leave your child before this time as teachers are often still running around getting ready for the day. Also, if you are running late at pick-up time, it is very helpful to have the school phone number programmed into your cell phone so you can give us a call. The number is 301-926-3592. Thanks for your help!

Have a great month and try to stay warm!

Cyndi

January 2010

:Dates to Remember:

- 1/13 & 1/14- Pajama Day
- 1/15- Odyssey Opera Theatre
- 1/18- No School!
- 1/25 & 1/26- No School! Conference Days

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Virtues Readings

The Virtues Project is something that was implemented at MCPP last year. This year, we have highlighted different virtues (such as kindness, cooperation, and courage) to talk about with the children.

We would like to give parents the opportunity to sign up to read a book related to the virtue that their child's class is working on. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the parent bulletin board which is located across

from Room 2. Please call the school and speak with Cyndi Sanford if you have any questions about this program. Thanks for your support!

Registration and Conference Information

Registration time for next year is quickly approaching. Information will go out later this month about class offerings and tuition, as well as registration procedures. Please read everything carefully and let us know if you have any questions about anything. Registration will occur in February.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Monday, January 25th and Tuesday, January 26th. There is no school on these days, so please make childcare arrangements for your conference time. It is often easiest to sign up back to back with a friend and

"child swap." Sign-up sheets are posted in each classroom.

Conference time is an excellent opportunity to speak with your child's teacher in regard to their development and how they are doing in class. This is also a great time to discuss class placement options for next year. Teachers will hand out assessments on your child before your conference day. Please take time to look these over before your conference and jot down any questions that you have. Since conferences are only about 20 minutes in length, it is very helpful to have questions prepared in advance.

If the conference times available do not work with your schedule, please let the teacher know and we will try to accommodate you. You also have the option of a phone conference if that works best for you.



Inclement Weather Policy

In light of all of the winter weather that we've already experienced this season, I thought it would be a good idea to go over the inclement weather policy. MCPP follows Montgomery County in regard to closings, late openings and early dismissals. If schools are delayed 2 hours, morning classes will not meet. 9-1 classes will begin at 11:00 and after-

noon classes will meet at their regular time. In the event of an early dismissal, there will be no afternoon classes. 9-1 classes will be dismissed at 11:30. Lunch bunch will not be held in the event of a delayed opening or early dismissal.

