



## –Dragonfly Room Newsletter

Hello Families of the Dragonfly Room,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year. This is just one of the ways we communicate to families about exciting things going on in your child's classroom. The children are getting into the morning routine of putting away their lunch, hanging up their coats, washing hands and choosing work. I am thrilled that they are more comfortable and often joyful to be here. It helps that Ms. Sueann and I are learning more and more everyday about your child's interests and personalities.

We have quite a lot of Fall Birthdays. In September, Quinn and Jaden turned 5-years-old, and Olivia and Isaac turn five in November. Gianna turned 3-years-old this month as well. Brevin moved this month to Boise, Idaho, and we wished him well on his final day.

Run for the Arts was very successful and a lot of fun for the children. They ran their hearts out, knowing that every lap counts toward the amazing shows and performers. Our first show, Do Jump! , is this Thursday. I am sure you will hear all about it.

One of our parents shared with me a great way to get rid of unwanted Halloween candy. This is how it works: Your children give pieces of candy to purchase other items, such as toys and games. This could be a fun way for children to practice numbers and reading as well as getting rid of unwanted candy. For example, you can label a book "4 snickers".

The Parent Night on Montessori Curriculum was hopefully informative to those who attended. I would love to hear more feedback on ways to improve it or make it more convenient for more families to attend. If you were not able to make it this time, don't fret, there will be another one in the spring on the Math and Sensorial Curriculum. Ongoing research shows that family engagement in school improves student achievement and children earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behavior.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Nika and Quinn made a pumpkin pie that the children enjoyed so much. I look forward to hearing from them about their holiday with you. Next Newsletter I will let you know more about what your child is working on individually. I may even include photos. If you are enjoying reading these letters, please let me know. Your feedback is appreciated.

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