

Our Lady's Montessori School

of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity



Dear Families and Friends,
Happy New Year!

We are very grateful for all who supported our **Dunn Foundation Challenge Grant**. Besides attaining the goal of raising \$20,000, we are happy that over eighty friends of the school donated to this effort. We are working with **Treat America** on the design for the kitchen and hope to renovate this spring. More information coming when we get closer.

We also wanted to share with you that the school has adopted a new **Mission Statement**. Please see the statement to the right.

May the good Lord bless your families this year with many graces!

Sr Mary Mediatrix of All Grace,
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Rejoice in Hope!



NEW MISSION

STATEMENT

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

At Our Lady's Montessori School, we serve children by offering a Catholic education in a Montessori environment.



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Upcoming Dates:

Mon., Jan 17th
SCHOOL CLOSED

Thur., Jan 19th, 4:30pm
PAC

School Mass January 27th
10:15am with Fr. Francisco

It was sure wonderful to have all our families here for the Christmas program, it was even more wonderful to hear the children actually sing in front of such a huge crowd!

We look forward to 2011 and all that it promises. I am excited to have been accepted into the **BELIEF Early Childhood Leadership Institute** and look forward to professional development for continuously improving our program's quality. It is a commitment which will require me to be gone a couple times this year; firstly, January 11-15th.

We would like thank and wish Miss Jess the best as she begins the journey of marriage, her last day is Friday Jan., 14th...in addition, Mrs. Song will be moving to Chicago as she begins her newlywed life, she will be here until the end of January. Miss Becky Lawler will be taking her spot as The Saints teacher alongside Miss Annie, please help us welcome her!

Finally, with changes in the air, I want to share the news my husband, Steve, and I have begun the adoption process, please keep us in your prayers! May God bless you & yours.

Laurel Sharpe, Program Director



January Birthdays

Francis Groves
Aubrey Grote
Nikolai Kunakhovich
Alexis Frey

Disciples



Little Angels

Just as the wise men brought gifts to Jesus in the month of January...our school, too, has been blessed with several new **gifts** and opportunities for **growth** this year.

This month our classroom will be **growing**. We welcome two, new, precious "**gifts**" Ella and Regan.

Our minds will be **growing**. We will be discussing educational concepts centered on the "**gifts**" of winter. A few activities we will be facilitating are; 'This is the Way We Dress in Winter,' Paint with Snow 'flour mixture' on dark colored paper, The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats, and 'Snow Flurries' dancing with white ribbons. Brrrr our letter for this month is B!

Our school's kitchen will be **growing**. We surpassed our fundraising goal, due to the many "**gifts**" of our benefactors and now have the necessary funds for our "Total Kitchen Makeover." Commencement of remodeling is likely to take place in March.

In joyful thanksgiving for our new **gifts** and **growth** this year,



Little Saints

January is the month to learn about winter! Our class will discover the season by engaging all of our multiple intelligences. For language development, we will read *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, *The Snowy Day* by Jack Keats and *Winter* by Ron Hirschi. For movement, we will play classical music and invite the children to "ice skate" around the room and learn the new song "Five Little Snowmen." Art projects will include painting with ice cubes and white paint. Lastly, we will explore the outdoors and play with real snow!

As Mrs. Song begins to transition into her next chapter in life, moving to Chicago with her new husband, Casey, we welcome with open arms Miss Becky Lawler. Becky is a KU graduate and is coming from Top Flight Kids Learning Center where she currently serves as the Curriculum Specialist. Please help us welcome her in the next couple weeks!

Blessings,
Annie & Song

The Disciples have continued to talk about the season. Our focus in January is the continent of Antarctica, penguins and polar bears for winter. The children have made snowmen, snowflakes and chalk snow drawings. We look forward to celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday.

This Friday is Miss Jess's last day here at OLMS. We would like to thank her for the loving spirit she's shared working with the children and wish her luck as she begins the next journey in her life moving toward her marriage this summer.

We look forward to welcoming a new assistant who will be joining our room in the next couple weeks.



"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world."

- Maria Montessori

