

Ms. Mallory

MONTESSORI IN MOTION November 2025

Monday	Tuesday <i>Art/Cooking</i>	Wednesday	Thursday <i>PE</i>	Friday <i>Music</i>
3 Sound: Ss	4 Cooking: <i>Arroz Con Leche</i>	5 	6	7
10 Sound: Xx	11 	12	13	14
17 Sound: Ll	18 Cooking: <i>Veggie Pizza Leaves</i>	19	20 11/20 & 11/21 EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE 	21 11/20 & 11/21 EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE 
24 Sound: Ff	25 Cooking: <i>Stone Soup</i>	26 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL 11/26-11/28 	27 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL 11/26-11/28 	28 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL 11/26-11/28 

Zoology: The Turkey

Science: The Sunflower

Geography: North America

Music: "Five Little Turkeys"

Poem: "Sunflower" By Nicolette Lennert

Dear Families,

October has been a month full of rich, hands-on learning experiences in our classroom. The children explored themes of pumpkins and spiders through a variety of lessons, stories, and practical life activities. In botany, we studied the parts of the pumpkin and the pumpkin life cycle. The children had the opportunity to observe and dissect pumpkins, discovering the seeds inside and learning how they can be replanted to grow again. We also enjoyed incorporating pumpkin into our cooking projects, preparing pumpkin banana bread, pumpkin soup, and roasted pumpkin seeds that we harvested ourselves!

In zoology, we studied the parts of the spiders and learned about the important role spiders play in nature. The children engaged with classification work, examined detailed images, and deepened their appreciation for these fascinating creatures.

As we continue to notice the changes of the season, please remember to send your child with appropriate layers for the weather. Our recess takes place first thing in the morning, and we spend time outdoors even when the air is brisk. If your child does not yet have a full set of rain gear—including rain boots, rain pants, and a raincoat or rain suit—please send these items soon so we can continue to enjoy our wonderful outdoor classroom with Mrs. Bell. As the Norwegian proverb reminds us, “There’s no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing.”

Looking ahead to November, our studies will include the parts of the turkey, the parts of the sunflower, and an introduction to the continent of North America. Picture retake day will take place on November 5. The school will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on November 20 and 21, with early dismissal both days at noon; sign-up sheets are posted in the hallway behind Mrs. May’s office. The school will also be closed November 26 through 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

It has brought me a lot of joy to see the curiosity, care and enthusiasm the children bring to their work each day. It has been heartwarming to observe the flourishing friendships in the classroom and the thoughtful ways the children care for one another as they work, play and learn together. Thank you for supporting their growth and helping them come prepared for every adventure that the season brings.

Warmly,
Ms. Mallory

Notes from the Music Corner:

This past month, we sang some very spooky songs to get in the mood for Halloween, like “Bitty, Bitty Bat” by Stephanie Leavell and “Itsy, Bitsy Spider,” as well as “Pass the Pumpkin,” which is a fun musical game. Your children are also doing creative movement to “Autumn” from The Four Seasons by one of my favorite composers, Antonio Vivaldi. Next month we will start learning different folk dances for our Holiday All-School Dance Assembly in December. For instrument practice, the children are using brand new sound tones, a rectangular type of bell (purchased this year). We are learning how to use a mallet to get the best sound out of these bells, which is kind of tricky. Your children are doing great work and really getting the hang of playing their sound tones together!

- Ms. Sandi

DATES TO REMEMBER



Santa Visit
December 19th!



Winter Break
December 22nd - January 2nd
Return on January 5th, 2026

If University Place school district closes, we will be closed. If they have a late start, then we will open at 10:00am. No AM childcare, this will ensure our staff can get to school safely and in time for us to prepare the grounds for your safety. If we have 3 closures, we will have make-up days. Listen to local radio or TV stations or check the Internet (www.upsd.wednet.edu/upsd/site or www.montessoriinmotion.org) for school closure



"The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind."

Maria Montessori