

**“One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child.”**

*~ Maria Montessori*

### **CHILD STARS**

One of the unique experiences for the children in elementary program is performing in a historical play each year. We are currently preparing for our yearly performance. This year, in conjunction with our year long study of U.S. history, we are “sailing on the Mayflower” and



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revisiting the “First Thanksgiving”. Each student plays a role in the history of this time. In addition the class studies types of literature such as play writing and poetry. They learn the specialize vocabulary of play production and get a chance to produce a play of their own. This is a true example of “learning by doing” and it is amazing how much the children absorb and retain about history. Of course, all of the children love the experience of being a star! This exciting event is another reason children should continue in Montessori for elementary!

The production is November 19. Unfortunately space limitations make it necessary to limit the evening performance to guests of “actors” only. All children in the primary and beginners classes will have the opportunity to see the play by watching the dress rehearsal on the day of the show. This will help give them the reasons behind the Thanksgiving Feast the following day!

### **IT TAKES A GARDEN TO GROW A CHILD**

Children love the opportunity to garden. Gardening develops an appreciation and caring concern for the natural world. Children deal with insects and birds in the garden. They learn which ones are beneficial and which are harmful. They carry tools, water, dig and mix soil, plant, and weed, identify, and observe. Children learn to observe without disturbing. Gardening introduces the cycle of life and death to the child. Gardening with children is the study of biology and botany. Gardening also brings the opportunity to study the weather. Children enjoy eating plants and fruits right out of the garden. Carrots, radishes, beans and strawberries, spinach, broccoli, tomatoes and lettuce are a few of the plants in our garden currently. The benefits are endless. Come share the garden with our students and watch IT GROW.



# November '09



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Elementary Field Trip Pioneer Village All Day	6 Staff Work Day  No School	7 Parent Work Day  
8	9 Happy B-Day Loren & Swapnil	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Happy B-Day Abe	25  No School	26  No School	27 Happy B-Day Jackson  No School	28
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