



MINS EXPRESS

Millbrae Nursery School | Cooperative Preschool | Family Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Dec 1st: Tuition Due

Dec 5th: Maintenance Party (A-J Families) 9 am - 1 pm

Dec 12th: Winter Party 10 am - 1 pm

Dec 15th: Business Meeting 7 pm (Mandatory for ALL Families)

Dec 21st: Winter Break Begins

Jan 4th: School Resumes

Holiday Care

If you need child care on a school holiday, please inform Carla as soon as possible so she can try to arrange it. There must be at least 6 children for the school to open on select holidays like 12/21-23 and 12/28-31.

Don't forget when you are shopping for your presents this Holiday season to go to Smile.Amazon.com!



Shop at Smile.Amazon.com and earn \$ for our school! Just select Millbrae Nursery School as your charity and Amazon will give the school a portion of the purchase!



From the Director

Wishing you all the GIFTS your heart can hold that will stand throughout time:

The Gift of Enthusiasm, A JOY for life...

The GIFT of Wonder, our children are filled naturally with the gift of wonder,

The GIFT of Family, appreciate the time and ability you have to talk and be with them.

The GIFT of Faith, Believe there is hope for the world is a way to move us toward it." Miracles can happen....

The GIFT of Tenderness, take time to stop and share your kiddos love with special hugs and kisses.

The GIFT of Fun, play and have fun with your children and partner.

The GIFT of LOVE, the greatest gift of all...

May this season of light fill your hearts and homes with the warmth and joy of all these gifts!

Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah,

Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, 圣诞快乐,

EED SAED, Joyeux Noël, Happy Kwanzaa, リークリスマス.

From all of the MNS Staff

Always Brigidan

Please come join us in celebrating the season of light.

Celebrate your culture and the excitement of the winter festivities on Saturday, December 12th from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This event is hosted by the 3yr class; each class is asked to participate and bring in something that reflects your family tradition during this holiday season. Please make sure to sign up to attend so we will know to expect your family. We are expecting a visitor from the North Pole a SPECIAL guest will be arriving by 11:00-11:30, so if you're late you will miss his visit!

Always, Brigidan

Teacher Megan and Teacher Norma's Class - 2/3 year olds

November came and just as quickly it has passed. We hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving with family and loved ones. With the children we talked about leaves and where they come from and what happens to them in this season. This month we have also greeted some new faces to the classroom and have been able to see the growth we have all made. We made our second field trip to the farmers market. There the kids were able to see the many different types of vegetables and fruit we can purchase. We bought apples and a variety of berries. The kiddos really enjoyed trying them. Back at school the kiddos used those apples to make apple pie.

As December approaches so does the cold and wet weather. The kiddos will be learning about the coldest season by looking at winter clothes and winter characteristics that occur during the season. We will also learn about winter holidays and animals that hibernate during the winter. Since the wet weather is approaching Teacher Norma & I ask that you please dress the children in warm layers and please if you have some, provide rain boots as we will be trying to allow the children with outside time and a chance to see and feel the cold weather. Teacher Norma and I want to thank you for all your help in and out of the classroom. We wish you all Happy Holidays. Feliz Navidad y Prospero 2015.

Teacher Megan and Teacher Norma



Teacher Sandra -3/4 year olds

November was an incredible month full of learning! We had a special visitor from the community who came to our school: Dr Nick, the dentist, who taught us proper brushing techniques and how to keep our teeth healthy. We talked about fall and the leaves changing colors and created art with items found in nature. We drew our family portraits, made new playdough, learned new songs, read stories and talked about being thankful, and painted paper turkeys.

For December, we will talk about family. We will share about our family traditions, our family tree, and the season of light. Our art experiences will include snowflakes, dreidels, and animals in the snow. We will have more cooking experiences and learn new songs. Another exciting part of December is our Family Holiday Party which our 3 & 4 year old class will be hosting (helping with set-up, clean-up, and art projects) on Saturday Dec 12th. It will be a fun day filled with good food, holiday crafts, and a special guest. Bring your family and friends!

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I would like to thank all the families who have donated items from our class wish list. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and is helping to enrich our kiddo's learning experiences.

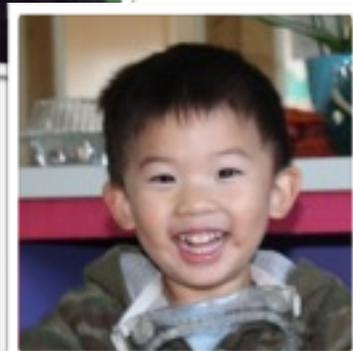
Seasons Greetings,

Teacher Sandra

Please Note: Due to the cold weather, we have gathered quite a few unclaimed jackets, coats and sweatshirts in our Lost & Found in the classroom. Please be sure to **label** your child's belongings and please check if one of the unclaimed items is your child's.

Class Wish List:

- Walgreens gift card (for portfolio photos)
- Michael's gift card
- Beige 8.5x11 cardstock (can be found at Michaels in packs of 50)
- Variety of buttons
- 2 Packs of Black Permanent Markers (Thick ones)



Teacher Brigidan & Teacher Sasha -Pre-K

What a magical season, the cool winter air and excitement of the season that surrounds us. In the classrooms we will continue discussing our families and the special traditions that we celebrate.

Please share your families' favorite recipes, traditions old and new with your kiddo and the class.

It is a wonderful way to learn about each culture and warm our hearts, homes, and school. Our class would love to hear how you celebrate this season.

We hope you and your family will find Joy and Holiday Magic this season.

Teacher Brigidan & Teacher Sasha





How to be a Visitor

When you have kids, visiting other people's houses can be a nerve wracking experience - especially when the house you're visiting isn't kid-proof. By teaching your child how to be a good visitor, you will have less stress, and more fun visiting others.

These are 5 rules of thumb

- (1) Always say, "Hello," and, "Goodbye," to the host. For extra credit points, all people (not just kids) should say, "Thank you," to the host.
- (2) Always bring something. Even if the host says that they don't want you to bring something, teach your kids to bring flowers, a drawing or a card.
- (3) Always ask. Unless you're very familiar with the house you're visiting, show your child the value of asking. Have them ask if they need food or drink, have them ask if they want to touch something valuable, have them ask if they would like to use a toy or a game. Always ask.

- (4) Always eat at the table. Teach your kids that they need to stay put, so they don't traipse food and sticky fingers throughout the house.
- (5) Always follow the host's lead. If you can see the host looking bored, tired or uncomfortable, it might be time to leave. Teach your child to pay attention to people's faces and body language - only stay for as long as you're welcome!

Good luck!

School Wish List

Lap tops 4 (if you received a new one from Santa) !

Chalk * Bubbles

Gift cards Michaels * Morrison's School supplies
* Walgreens & Costco (for class Photos)