

The Montessori Connection

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Semester Testing

A huge thank you to all families at TMEMS for your help in completing the state-mandated testing of your student(s) last week. The iStation and Renaissance tests are required for each student and we simply couldn't have done it without your help. We are happy to report that we had almost 100% completion of the required tests! We truly appreciate the wonderful parents and guardians of our fabulous students. These assessments are designed to measure your child's level of reading comprehension and mathematics abilities. This info will help us teach them so well done TMEMS!



Quick Notes

Report cards were sent to parents/ guardians today via email. If you did not receive your child's report card, please contact us at msams@tmesnm.com. Specific grade questions should be directed to your child's teacher. You are always welcome to update your contact info in the Tyler SIS Parent Portal. <https://tmesnm.com/school-life/tyler-sis-parent-portal>

2020 reflections and hopes for 2021 from our Administration

We recently came across a quote from Maria Montessori and I believe it is a great way to focus on the positive of 2020, "The child is capable of developing and giving us tangible proof of the possibility of a better humanity. ... The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind." This year has truly been one-of-a-kind with more curve balls thrown at us than anyone could have ever foreseen. If this year has taught us anything, it is to be patient, determined, community-minded and compassionate. When we think of these qualities and the quote from Maria Montessori, we can't help but think of our school community. We are so incredibly proud of how our school community has come together to support our



most precious resource, our students. Our students are not only the hope and promise for mankind, but are also the bright light in a sometimes seemingly dark world. As 2020 comes to a close and we look forward to 2021, our main focus will again be on the health and well-being of our community. We sincerely hope the Winter Break will be a time to reflect on the past, look forward to the future and give thanks for the many things we have to be thankful for. Our hope is that you will cherish this time together to enjoy the simple things in life before life gets busy and hectic again. There is no better gift to give your child than the gift of time together. As Thomas Jefferson said, "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past." Here is to an incredible 2021!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Shop & Glow

Support local small businesses while enjoying River of Lights sculptures!
<http://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/special-events-festivals/route-66-shop-glow>

Explora Free Camp

In this FREE virtual camp, learn how to build your own website with Code Clubs! December 29, 2020, 1-4pm
<https://www.explora.us/programs/camp/s/>

ABQ BioPark

The ABQ BioPark is open! You can purchase tickets online. Go to this website for full details: <https://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/biopark/about-the-biopark/tickets>

Tried and true (healthier) banana bread!

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup applesauce (*tip:* 1/2 cup = 1 individual 4oz container of applesauce!)
- 2 large eggs
- 4-5 ripe bananas
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/3 cup skim milk
- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup walnuts (*optional*)



Directions:

Heat oven to 350°
In a large bowl, cream together sugar and applesauce. Add eggs beating well.
Mix in bananas and vanilla.
In a measuring cup, stir baking soda into milk. Combine with bowl contents. Add flour and mix well.
Pour batter into greased loaf pans.
Optional variation: sprinkle brown sugar on top before cooking!

Makes approx: 4 small loaf pans (6x3x2) or 1 large bread pan (10x5x3)
Bake small loaf pans for approx 40 minutes or large bread pan for approx 75 minutes.
Check with toothpick to make sure it comes out clean. Enjoy!

FUN for Everyone



Looking for a family-fun activity for all ages? Air-dry clay is the perfect screen-free activity! Air dry clay is extremely soft and lightweight, easy to stretch and mix, and it won't stick to your hands during rolling, making it easy to shape into any idea that comes to mind. It's a great way for kids to develop hand-eye coordination, and perfect for unique gifts (trinkets, picture frames, ornaments, etc.)

Kudos Corner

In October, TMMS partnered with UNICEF to support the health of children across the world through their Trick or Trick for UNICEF' initiative. Our students earned coins through activities and donations to help UNICEF purchase heavy masks and vaccines for children around the world. We are proud of TMMS!



MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS AND BEYOND

Great Conjunction

Jupiter and Saturn will align in the night sky on Dec. 21 in an event astronomers call the "great conjunction" — also referred to as the "Christmas Star" — marking the planets' closest encounter in nearly 400 years.
<https://www.nasa.gov/vfeature/the-great-conjunction-of-jupiter-and-saturn>

Give Back

Tis the season of giving! There are many ways to help fight hunger in our community. To learn more about how to give funds, time, food and how to advocate for those who are experiencing food insecurity and hunger, go to
<https://www.rrfb.org/>

Music

Explore the New Mexico Philharmonic's newest way to share music! NMPHIL Now! virtual platform of events is proud to announce Digital Performances, an online concert/recital series. All performances are Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. Some performances as low as \$.99!
<https://nmpphil.org/>