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What a wonderful holiday we are about to celebrate!

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It is important to express gratitude for all we have the privilege to enjoy. The best things are the small ones, the simplest ones.

In the classroom, gratitude is very important. To learn to say "please" and "thank you" on a daily basis is a necessity.

Many years ago, I devised a small rhyme for the little children who eat our hot lunch. The rhyme thanks Mrs. Laverna Faulkner for the good food she provides. "Thank you, Laverna, for the constant care and love you have put in your work since 1979!"

Saying "please" and "thank you" falls under "GRACE AND COURTESY" which is part of the practical life activities. Under this umbrella, we also find "care of the self", "care of the environment" and "movement".

At the earliest age, we use materials and role modeling to encourage these activities.

Scientific tools were created by Maria Montessori, who observed what the children enjoy doing the most at specific ages. We could also call those activities "learning good manners" or "etiquette". This is carried through to the older students, who do these activities while learning to be self sufficient.

It is a holistic approach to life, intellectually, physically, emotionally and, the ultimate, spiritually. The spiritual nurturing of your child will affect all areas of his life. Your child's life will be balanced and complete.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE....CHILDREN, STAFF, PTO, PARENTS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND ALL WHO ARE CONNECTED TO MSA.

Corinne Salahi-

Founder

Health Policy

Students cannot be admitted to school if they have:

- ◆ A temperature of over 100°F (armpit) or 101°F (rectal/oral) in the morning before school. If such a temperature develops during the day, you will be called to pick up your child immediately;
- ◆ Rashes that the parent cannot identify or have not been diagnosed by a physician;
- ◆ Diarrhea or vomiting;
- ◆ The appearance of being sick without obvious symptoms by looking and acting differently (e.g., unusually pale, irritable, tired, or lacks interest); and
- ◆ Symptoms of any communicable disease, such as chicken pox, ringworm, lice, mumps, impetigo.

For the protection of your child, as well as others, please do not bring him to school if he has had any of the above symptoms within the last 24 hours. If your child develops any of the above symptoms or diseases during school hours, you will be expected to pick him up from school immediately and keep him home for at least 24 hours from the time the symptoms occurred.

*****MSA Snow Policy***:**

We follow Fairfax County for closing and delays.

Fairfax Closed=MSA Closed
Fairfax 1 hour late=MSA open at 8:30
Fairfax 2 hours late=MSA open at 9:30

Closing early is made on a case-by-case basis. We will notify parents if the need arises.

*****Dates to Remember*****

11th - Veterans Day Holiday-**NO SCHOOL OR DAYCARE**

14th -18th Sign-up for Conferences and Winter Break Daycare

17th- PTO Meeting

23rd - **School Closes @1:00**

24th-25th- Thanksgiving Holiday- **NO SCHOOL OR DAYCARE**