



## Monte Tavor Newsletter

### Monte Tavor Fall and Winter Events

The events been planned year after year have really surpassed everyone's expectative. The Cultural Event and pot luck, the Exploratory Science along with Sensorial Art, the Celebration of Fall Colors and Harvest, Dressed up themes around Halloween, the Celebration of the Day of the Dead honoring ancestors, The Book Fair, Thanksgiving and Winter Holiday Celebrations have brought out a lot of high spirits and imagination this year as Monte Tavor prepares for its 20th Anniversary.

The Cultural Event was the kickoff event with all kinds of cultural instruments brought out. Drums of many sizes from around the world, flutes and Zampoyas, shakers such as handcrafted Mexican and African maracas, Peruvian rain sticks, African Savana decorated shakers, bells, jingle bells, and triangles, Marimbas, Ukuleles and Kalimbas were among some of the favorite instruments. Children across the many older age groups had a VIP pass to enjoy a whole afternoon of music, sound and noise that could be heard blocks away. Families visited toward the end of the afternoon to share cultural dishes and witness the kind of noise tired infants, toddlers and preschoolers could still perform by using all instruments.



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The Exploratory Science and Sensorial Event brought a lot experimental fun with the many activities from the giant bubbles, to ice and water play, food coloring with volcanoes eruptions, sink and float, magnets and magnetic sand, cause and effect activities in all three matters of state -solid, liquid and gas using the only ingredient to generate all three states. Sensorial water play activities with corn starch, corn meal, wheat and corn flour.



The dressed up themes around Halloween in combination with our dramatic play made a positive pretend play roles for real life community roles. Many small fire fighters, construction builders, doctors and nurses shared the importance in these professions.

### Fall/Winter 2014

#### DAYS CLOSED and Events

##### Closed

- **November 27 Thanksgiving Day**
- **November 28 Day After**
- **December 1-19 Celebration of winter holidays. Families are welcome to volunteer, plan, prepare an activity and share with their child's class.**

##### Closed

- **Winter Break and Holidays**  
**December 22-January 2, 2015**

##### Open

- **January 5, 2015**
- **New Year's Tea Party 4:30-5:30 pm**
- **January 10 Teachers Training**
- **January 14 Children Celebration of equality for all. Parent volunteer reading activity**

##### Closed

- **January 19 Martin Luther King**

The celebration of fall colors allowed children to create a color lab to mix and match different shades of browns, oranges, reds and yellows. They were able to observe the color changes on leaves and how certain plants continued to be green or brown while others started to change. They observed the trees around the school and classified them as All Year Round Green or Fall Trees.

This celebration continued and extended to the Celebration of Fall Harvest around Thanksgiving. Children continued bringing pumpkins and squash, Indian corn and Monte Tavor provided fresh fruits and vegetables such as sweet and crunchy apples, cabbage, beets, cauliflower, celery, and eggplant all on season.

The Celebration of the Day of the Dead was in remembrance of ancestors. Children brought pictures of their great grandparents and generation discussions were present among the older preschoolers.

The Book Fair with Barefoot Books was an excellent way of promoting newer and richer literacy for the Spanish collection of books. Families' orders of books and gifts for their families for holiday gifts helped expand Monte Tavor library. Families donated books from the wish list and Monte Tavor matched every dollar spent by parents to buy more new books, games and puzzles.

The celebrations of winter holidays created enthusiasm on children talking about seeing light decorations around their neighborhood and their families getting them for their homes. Children did representational drawings on what their families did and what they celebrated during the winter months. They shared their winter vacation plans and discussions were around how it was necessary to wear winter warmer clothing. Children had discussions about the relation between being cold and getting a cold. Children in the preschool groups talked about rain and how it was needed in our lives and more so now in California. Conversations went around heavy rains and no rain.

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### Thank You Families!

Thank You for allowing us to be part of your child's life and discovery years and we thank you for the continued support of our programs.