



**Delaware Cooperative Preschool Monthly Newsletter**  
December 2017

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**Save the Date!**

Our winter General Membership Meeting will be **Thursday, January 19th**. As a friendly reminder, each DCP family is required to send a representative to each of the GMMs.

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**From the Preschool Class**

*"The hand is the instrument of the mind." - Maria Montessori*

This is evident when we look around the room...we see children carrying trays carefully to their place of work and pouring or sponging. Or, using the dropper bottles and discovering if they mix red and yellow, they get orange.

In November, the preschoolers discussed "the Family of the Sun" (our solar system) and enjoyed using their hands to play in the clay and with dinosaurs. We also started our Sharing Basket tradition! Children will be taking turns bringing home the sharing basket. They can bring it back on their next class day with one or two items they would like to show to the class. It's a great time for each child to get to share something special about themselves with their classmates.

December is always a fun month with children! We have already started showing the tower of cube and will continue discussing the Family of the Sun, specifically discussing Earth and her continents! December is also a perfect time to talk about our families, and friendships. We will discuss what it means to be a friend and our different feelings.

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**Important Reminders!**

- \* The DCP Christmas party is THIS SUNDAY, December 10th starting from 2-4pm. Bring the whole family to the McCoy room at Asbury Church. There will be a hot chocolate bar, crafts, and a game or two! Please RSVP in the Facebook group event or contact Sarah Will.
- \* As you are doing your holiday shopping, please consider adding DCP to your AmazonSmile account! Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for more information.
- \* Also, while you shop for holiday goodies, please consider designating DCP as your charity for your Kroger rewards. In just 3 months, from July to October, Kroger rewards raised \$264.68 for DCP!

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## Montessori Moment

Deciding on gifts this time of year can be hectic. With the overwhelming selection of toys to choose from it's worth remembering how valuable the simplest toys can be. Dr. Maria Montessori designed her materials so that while working with the material, the child receives instant feedback on his/her progress. Montessori materials usually isolate one concept, are self-correcting, and focus on the use of the various senses. These self-correcting materials help children learn to recognize, understand, correct, and learn from any mistakes they make. This control leaves children to explore independently without adult help or judgement and which helps boost self-esteem and motivation. There are lots of great toy ideas in our classrooms! Something to consider when selecting gifts this holiday season!

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## What are those words?

### *Five Little Elves*

This little elf is chubby but strong (Thumb out, wiggling)

This little elf points all day long (forefinger out, point)

This little elf is taller than the rest (middle finger out, hands raised above head)

This little elf can wear a ring best (ring finger out, pretend to slip ring on finger)

This little elf is not very tall (last finger out, hands down low to the floor)

But this little elf is the cutest of ALL! (forefingers in cheeks to make dimples)