

Afternoon Kindergarten December 2018

I hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving break and that your child is enjoying the kindergarten year at Montessori.

The afternoon class has begun an introduction to history. Earlier this year we made a timeline of the child's life. We had discussions about the terms "past", "present", and "future". It was fun to hear what the children predicted about the future.

We discussed what life might have been like long ago and why people might have decided they needed shelter. The children said we need shelter to protect us from bugs, animals, rain, snow, so we could do dishes inside, and so people didn't have to see us go to the bathroom. They came up with lots of ideas of how to build a shelter – sticks, stones, clay, wood, and snow. We then began making a timeline of homes. We looked through books to see homes built in the past and divided our timeline into Early Times, Ancient Times, Medieval Times, The Renaissance, and Modern Times.

We have begun creating model homes of our own in the classroom.

We read 2 more Magic Tree House books and traveled back to Ancient Egypt and the Middle Ages with Jack and Annie.

In Spanish, we have added table setting words, body parts, and clothing to our vocabulary.

We recently read the script of a play called Really Rosie, by Maurice Sendak. We are learning the music that accompanies it with songs by Carole King. The children are showing off some of their acting skills as well.

Our next chapter book will be our second historical fiction book. It is called Meet Felicity. Felicity is a 9-year old girl who lives in the colony of Williamsburg in 1776, just before the American Revolution. This leads us in to our next area of group study – the Northeast States. We will hear stories about how our country began as well as what life is like in the Northeast states today.