



Morning Star Montessori News

A New Year for Morning Star

The children and staff all seemed ready to be back in the classroom after the holidays. There's something about being able to settle back into a routine after all the festivities of Christmas Vacation that appeals to both students and teachers! The children practically ran into the classroom their first day back.

The new year brought new breakthroughs from the students—more language, more attentiveness and even some new potty behaviors. Each new step opens up so many opportunities in the classroom.

The new year even brought us a new student! We are pleased welcome Natalya James to Morning Star. She is a delightful four year old and has been serving as a wonderful role model for our children along with



Ava and Del check out Beth Hampshire's guitar during music therapy

Ava's sister, Sadie. We feel blessed to have a school family that is growing!



Sadie keeps the classroom moving to the beat!

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Upcoming Events

February 11: Valentine's Party

February 16: Student Holiday/Teacher workday

February 17: Judith Blue-stone visit

February 18: Music Therapy

March 6-8: Primary Reflexes and Development Seminar

Primary Reflexes and Development Conference



Director Rhea Brashear and Ava working with the Rough and Smooth Boards

A seminar on Primary Reflexes and Development will be held March 6-8. This seminar will focus on 8 primary reflexes and how their development can affect learning. It will be led by Janet Oliver, MA, a certified HANDLE® practitioner who has spent the last

20 years pursuing the underlying complexities of learning. In addition to her HANDLE experience, Janet's areas of expertise include heavy metal toxicity, child advocacy, dyslexia and accelerated learning.

It will be held at

Morning Star/Holt Road Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, including times and prices, you can contact Morning Star at 678-213-0844 or Janet at joliver@planforlearning.com

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Del and Nicolette get busy with some shaving cream!

Favorite moments...

“Nicolette was watching Natalya cut paper from across the room, and after Natalya was finished and everyone had gathered for lunch, Nicolette walked over to the cutting exercise and sat down and did it all by herself. She focused on that work for the entire lunch period! It was such a great example of how children watch and learn from each other.” —Rhea

“Sitting one on one with Ava naming the parts of the face on the “Dora” doll. We had been doing it for about 5 minutes when Ava gets up, goes over to another doll, picks it up and points at the doll’s eye and says “baby eyes”. It was so exciting to see her applying her knowledge and transferring it to another object.” —Evelyn

“Playing outside in the playhouse with Del. He took each of the teachers one by one into the house to play with him, and while I was in there I said, ‘I’m hungry, Del, I want some coffee and cake’. Del reached over with his hand and pretended to put a piece of cake in my mouth. It was huge for so many reasons—utilizing dramatic play, interacting with another person and using his receptive language skills.” —Cynthia

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School’s come out for Morning Star’s Open House

Morning Star hosted its winter open house on February 6th. Representatives from six different area schools stopped by to ask questions and tour the facility. They were coming to learn more about our classroom as they have children that might be referred to Morning Star. Our staff was delighted that we had professional interest from the Atlanta Speech School, Atlanta Montessori Teacher Education, and Life University.

These educators were looking for new ideas about how to reach a child; especially one that has differences. Some new insights and successes were shared with our guests that day.

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