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## January Garden Notes

### A Note from the Head of School:

January is often a wonderful time for schools, teachers and children as we settle into the busy hum of focused, confident students. This is a time when learning tends to go a bit deeper, as the classroom norms have been absorbed and the focus turns to explorations and learning.

Unfortunately, for parents, January is not always such a stress-free time. Thoughts turn to enrollment and the "what's next?" process. For those of you who will be moving on to other schools, take a few deep breaths and try to keep the following in mind:

- **Resist worrying about what you cannot control:** You have done your homework. You have explored your options, made your choices, and filled out your forms. Try not to ruminate about the results, just sit back and wait.
- **Remember that you have made the right choices:** There is no perfect school and no perfect fit. You have done your best, and you will continue to advocate for your child as you move on.
- **Know that you have given your child a great foundation:** By attending Children's Garden, your child has a foundation of learning that includes not only academic knowledge and a love of learning, but also independence, creative confidence, and social-emotional awareness. They have a toolbox of skills that will help them as they take on the next adventure.
- **Keep your child in the dark:** As much as possible, resist talking in front of your child about your worries and the complicated application process. The time between now and the beginning of a new school year is a long time. It is eons for a young child.

Then, sit back and enjoy your last months at CGMS. They are going to fly by!

For those of you who are not set on going to a new school, and who are thinking about remaining, here is an article to read that describes very well the three year cycle and why it is so important.

### The Three Year Cycle



## Pick-Another-Parent Night

### Primary Classes

Tuesday, January 16th  
AM Primary Classes 5:30 -6:30 pm  
PM Primary Class 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
XP either time

### Toddler Classes

Wednesday, January 17th  
AM Toddler Class 4:00 - 4:45 PM  
PM Toddler Class 4:45 - 5:30 PM

Your child can choose a parent or another special adult in their life to join

them for an evening at the school. Together you will experience the classroom and studio (Primary Classes only) under the guidance of the child.

## Parent Infant Class

Parent Infant Flyer

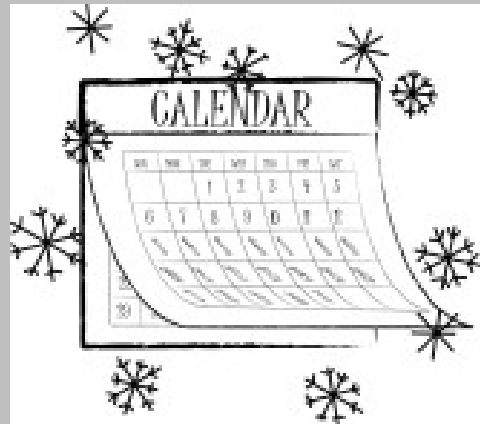
There is one space left in the Parent Infant Class, which will be starting this Thursday. Interested parties can click on the button to discover more!

## Dates to Keep in Mind!

- **Pick-Another-Parent Night:** for Primary and Toddler Classes, see details above
- **Open House for Prospective Parents:** Thursday, January 25 at 4:30 PM or Saturday, February 3 at 10:30 AM
- **Montessori at Work:** Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 PM, [Montessori at Work](#)
- **Summer Camp 2018:** July 9 to 26, [Summer Camp 2018](#)

## It's that time again!

**Re-enrollment and Sibling Application** season for the next school year is coming up soon. Keep an eye on your inbox **February 1st**. Forms and information for enrolling your child in the next steps at Children's Garden will be included. Current family materials will be due back to school by February 15.



## Thank You!

Thank you to all the Board members who brought us sweet treats and warm drinks the last week before break and to the Stone-Bacon family for the cheese and wine platter. Thank you also to the Smith, Michalek, and Gassar families for hosting the guinea pigs over the long break!

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