



Dear La Maternelle Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break filled with joy and relaxation! Now, as we transition from one holiday to the next, it's time to gear up for the festive spirit of Christmas and Winter celebrations! 🎄 ✨

Holiday Excitement at La Maternelle!

Our teachers and students have been busy transforming the school into a winter wonderland! You might have seen them decorating and practicing some delightful new songs for our **Winter Party on Friday, December 20th, 2024**. Keep an eye out for emails from your child(ren)'s teachers—they may need a little help with those catchy tunes!



Christmas Show Details

Without giving away too much (we wouldn't want to spoil the surprise!), I can assure you that our TPS, PS, MS, and GS classes are preparing a brand-new, festive show that you won't want to miss!

Join us on **Friday, December 20th at 10:30 AM** in the big gym for a 30-minute showcase of holiday cheer!.

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Treats for the Show!

If you'd like to bring in some delicious snacks (think cupcakes, fruits, crepes, juices, etc.) to share after the show, we'll have tables ready for your goodies. Just a friendly reminder: please make sure everything is **peanut and nut-free** due to a life-threatening allergy in our school community.



December Birthdays

We'll be singing "Joyeux anniversaire" to some of our beloved members this month:

- Alex
- Sami
- Miss Chanceline
- Miss Salma

Join us in making their day extra special with warm wishes and cheerful voices!



Gift Ideas for Teachers, Assistants, and Staff

Many of you, our Wonderful Parents, have asked about gift ideas for our hardworking teachers, assistants, and staff. To make it easier and more inspiring for everyone, I'm attaching "A Few of Their Favorite Things" — a curated list of items that our team loves. Whether it's a sweet treat, a cozy accessory, or a thoughtful card, these suggestions can help you choose a meaningful gift.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity as we celebrate the holiday spirit together. Your support means the world to all of us!



We are thrilled to introduce a new tradition at La Maternelle this year: a **small, symbolic gift exchange** for the children! This activity will allow us to embrace the spirit of giving and create a magical experience for everyone involved.

Each child will receive the name of a classmate for whom they can bring a small gift. These thoughtful presents will be placed under our beautifully decorated Christmas tree and will remain there until our **Winter Party on Friday, December 20th**, when each child will receive their special gift to take home.

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Important Details:

- **Gift Deadline:** Please send your child's gift to school by **Friday, December 13th**.
- **Gift Guidelines:** This is meant to be a simple, symbolic gift—nothing extravagant is necessary. We kindly ask that gifts have a maximum value of **\$10**.

We hope this activity will bring smiles to the children's faces and create lasting memories for everyone. Thank you for helping us make this season extra special!



Parents/Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendars! From **December 2nd to December 13th**, we'll be holding Parents/Teacher Conferences. If you'd like to meet with your child's teacher, please reach out to them directly to schedule a meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress and share any thoughts you may have.



Important Dates:

- **Early Dismissal:** Monday, December 23rd, 2024 at 2:30 PM. There will be no classes or aftercare after this time.
- **Relax Education:** Get ready for a fun-filled educational adventure! From Thursday, December 26th to Monday, December 30th, we're rolling out our Relaxed Education Week! 🌟

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- We'd love to know your family vacation plans for the week of December 23rd to January 3rd. This will help us prepare appropriately for our little ones. Thank you for your support!
- **School Closure:** From Tuesday, December 24th through Friday, December 27th, 2024 and for New Year's Day on January 1st, 2025.



Holiday Care at La Maternelle

We know many schools will be closed during the holiday break, but we are excited to announce that **La Maternelle** will remain open on the following dates:

December 26, 27, 30
January 2 and 3

If you or someone you know is in need of child care during this time, please let us know. Help us spread the word to friends and family who might benefit from this opportunity!

At La Maternelle, we've planned a series of **fun, engaging, and enriching activities** to keep your little ones entertained while maintaining the holiday cheer.

Activities will include:

- 🎨 **Creative Crafts**
- 📖 **Storytime Adventures**
- ⚽ **Mini Sports Sessions**
- 🖌️ **Art and Painting Projects**

These activities will take place in our spacious **second building**, providing a safe and nurturing environment for your child during the holiday season.

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Interested?

Reserve your child's spot today by reaching out to us! We can't wait to celebrate the holidays with your little ones!



Weekend Fun in Houston!

Looking for something fun to do with your kids this weekend? Here are some exciting activities happening in Houston:

- **The Houston Zoo's Zoo Lights:**
Enjoy a dazzling display of holiday lights at the Houston Zoo! Stroll through beautifully lit pathways, see festive decorations, and enjoy holiday treats. This event runs through early January. [Learn More](#)
- **Houston Ballet's The Nutcracker:**
Experience the magic of this classic holiday ballet, perfect for all ages. Join Clara on her enchanting journey through the Land of Sweets. Performances run throughout December. [Learn More](#)
- **The Children's Museum Houston:**
Visit the museum for holiday-themed activities and exhibits that inspire creativity and fun learning for kids of all ages. Check their calendar for special events happening this month. [Learn More](#)
- **Holiday at the Park – Discovery Green:**
Enjoy ice skating, a holiday market, and festive activities at Discovery Green Park. It's a great spot for family fun and holiday cheer! [Learn More](#)

Whatever you do this weekend, we hope it's filled with fun and laughter!

Warmly,

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