

<< **Dates to remember** >>

**3 Jan:** School resumes

**10 Jan:** Kids on the Block program

**14 Jan:** School House Symphony visits

**16 Jan:** Creative Dance observation day

**20 Jan:** No school

**28-31 Jan:** Catholic Schools Week - kinder parents visit

*\*Sunday Feb. 24 (1-3 p.m.) Open House - Please spread the word!*



## JANUARY 2019

*"You are a light in the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden" --Matthew 5:14  
Happy New Year...sparkle and shine!*

*We ring in the New Year with snowy ideas for a winter wonderland here at VMM. The children are excited to see their classmates and teachers, ready to interact with the environment!*

### CURRICULUM >>>

*January's winter weather will support our study of crystals, snowflakes, igloos and artic animals.*

*Our cultural study will be Antarctica, that ice island down below before heading to Asia to celebrate Chinese new year in February.*

*Our science exploration will support growing and dissolving crystals, balancing scales and experiencing the properties of snow and ice. Also, dinosaurs and reptiles will reappear to invade our environment.*

### Messages...

**Welcome back!** We hope everyone enjoyed the time off together. We are excited to be back in session...there is so much to learn!

**Kids on the Block puppet show:** Thursday, Jan. 10, the Family Nurturing Center will be here with the safe environment training for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students. First year students, 3s and young 4s, will not attend. Information regarding this program is attached to the email.

**Pre-Registration:** Friday, Jan. 5, you will receive a pre-registration form for your 3, 4 or young 5-year-old that is currently enrolled. This is due by Friday, Jan. 18. After the pre-registration is over for current students, I will begin calling current families that have siblings they want to enroll for the fall of 2019. If your younger child is not on the list, please copy, print, fill out and return the attached registration form. Include schedule needs on back of form.

**School House Symphony:** Three times a year, we have the privilege of listening to the SHS as one of our in-house field trips! Our first performance has been paid for by Paige Smith's family! Thank you for your donation.

**Catholic Schools week:** Every year the kindergarten children are excited to have their families spend an hour in the classroom. During this time the children are free to show you what they work on at VMM. Please call the office for an hour time slot. You won't be disappointed!

**Open House:** Spread the word... our open house is from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24. You are our best advertisement!

**From Maggie:**

Thank you to the DiFabion family for taking care of me over the entire Christmas break! You're the BEST! *Love, Maggie*

**May peace prevail, Happy New Year!  
the Montessori staff**