

# COASTAL EMPIRE MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

November Edition, Issue #2

## Calendar of Events

December 6 – Reading Day with Sonny Dixon @ 10AM

December 6-9 – Usborne Book Fair

December 8 – Reading Night with Ms. Tina @ 6PM

December 12 – Parent Education: Following your Child in Montessori @ 5:30PM

December 12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents' Night @ 6:30PM

December 15 – CEMCO Board Meeting @ 5PM

December 19 – January 3 – Winter Break

January 16 – No School for ML King Day



### THIS MONTH AT COASTAL EMPIRE MONTESSORI >>>

#### "READING READING READING" NEWS

The Children's Book Fest was a great success. Our school passed out 440 books to other children. It was a fun day filled with special activities and guest appearances. If you didn't go this year, set the date for next year.

#### Usborne Book Fair Dec. 6-9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Our Reach for the Stars Read-a-thon will culminate in a school-wide Book Fair. **ALL students will have the opportunity to visit the fair, look at books, and purchase items they choose.** The fair benefits our school because Usborne will match purchase amounts in free books for CEMCS.

We are looking for help to staff the Book Fair during the day and after school next week. Please call the school if you can assist. Thanks!

On Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> we will sponsor a Family Reading Night. Come join us in your PJ's and listen to some

stories read by our very own Ms. Tina. Festivities will start at 6pm.

WOW! During our months of reading, reading, reading, we have seen a lot of children with books in hand and are pleased to say there has also been an increase in reading results.

#### Our next school focus: WRITING



#### Volunteer Hours Logs

As most of you know, volunteer hours are required from each of our families - 30 hours for single-parent families and 60 hours for dual-parent

families. This requirement creates more community and encourages parents to take a more active role in their child's education. Children see these connections and help them understand that we are an interdependent community working for their best interest.

There are many ways that you may meet your volunteer hour requirements for the year. If you are short on time, contributions transfer to hours at the rate of \$5 = 1 hour. In addition, we recycle used ink cartridges and 4 cartridges = 1 hour. You will need to input your hours and contributions into your log on the school website; more detailed information on how to maintain your log will follow.

We are in need of volunteers for the following projects:

- **December 10th- Help cleaning the Staff Workroom from 10AM – 12PM**

- Help with playground installation
- Scrapbooking of school history in pictures (AMS affiliation requirement)
- We could use storage shelves and a desk for the Staff Workroom
- Book Fair volunteers

lunchroom expenses.  
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## ORGANIC FARMBOX

Feed your family well at home & at school!

CEMCS has partnered with FarmBox Savannah for an extraordinary opportunity benefiting your family and CEMCS!

For even more information please visit [www.farmboxsavannah.com](http://www.farmboxsavannah.com)

Your school coordinator -  
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Below is a picture of a typical small FarmBox.



## LUNCH MONEY

CEMCS account with MyLunchMoney.com is now up and running!!! The most convenient, easy, and secure way to take control of your child's



### Dismissal Reminders:

- Please remember that students may not be checked out after 2:45. They are in transition during that time.
- Children will only be dismissed to people who are listed on your child's Emergency Contact Form as pick-up people.
- Children will only be dismissed in carpool line, so please stay in your cars to pick up.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONE USE WHILE ON CAMPUS DURING DROP-OFF OR PICK-UP.** We have had a few near-accidents due to parents on cell phones. Because of this, we will have a no tolerance policy regarding cell phone use. Anyone engaging in cell phone use will be asked to hang up immediately, and car pool line will be stopped for all students until parents are off the phone so that we can maintain safety.

[www.mylunchmoney.com](http://www.mylunchmoney.com).

### CEMCO Board Information

This section of the newsletter is designed to help inform you about Board happenings. Please use this in conjunction with the Board Minutes that are posted online each month.

We are working on an affiliation with AMS (American Montessori Society).

Our Charter Application is in the state's hands; we will be going for a charter interview on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Be a child advocate! Our school is now a member of the GA Charter Schools Association. As a parent at our school, you are able to advocate for charter schools by visiting <http://mygpan.org>. This is also a parent resource page for charter school parents. Check it out!