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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The arts have always been a vital part of education, and Maria Montessori believed deeply in their role in engaging the mind, body, and spirit. At The Children's House, this belief has inspired a long-held dream: to integrate theatre—alongside music, art, and dance—into our curriculum in a meaningful and transformative way.

While we weren't initially ready to bring theatre into the school day, we launched an after-school program to give students space to express themselves, explore creativity, and collaborate. Over the past four years, this program has blossomed into a joyful, community-building experience filled with confidence, connection, and remarkable student growth.

Upper Elementary Theatre Week and Angela's musical have given many students the chance to shine, but our lower elementary students were still waiting for their turn. This past year, interest surged—nearly 90% of elementary students expressed a desire to participate. It was clear: the time had come to take a bold step forward.

Beginning this school year, we're excited to officially integrate theatre into the elementary curriculum. We will combine our after-school program, Theatre Week, and the musical into one inclusive, school-day theatre intensive. For three weeks following winter break, all elementary students will dive into a shared creative journey—learning, rehearsing, and performing a production for the school community at the end of January.

We know this is a shift, but it's one we believe will bring immense value. Every child will now have the opportunity to experience the transformational power of theatre—no auditions, no scheduling conflicts, just one joyful, inclusive experience.

Theatre builds communication, confidence, collaboration, and empathy. We can't wait to see how our students grow through this experience—and we're grateful to you for supporting this exciting new chapter in our arts journey.

With gratitude and excitement,

Jaime Janiszewski and the entire Elementary team