



HAPPENINGS



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Happy 100th years of Maria Montessori!!

"Our aim is not only to make the child understand, and still less to force him to memorize, but so to touch his imagination as to enthuse him to his innermost core." Maria Montessori

A view of our Montessori classroom: The Montessori classrooms are designed to put the child at ease by giving them freedom in an environment prepared with attractive materials. Primary classrooms are divided into three main groups:

- Practical life exercises which plays a very important part for child to perfect their coordination, concentration and attention. Example of works are spooning, dressing frames, and pouring.
- Sensorial exercises help sharpen the child's senses and enable them to understand many impressions that they receive through them. Some examples of work are sound boxes, pink tower, red rods, grading colors, and matching pairs of graded sand papers are some of the examples.
- The academic material which awaits each child's moments of interest in reading, arithmetic, and geography. Examples are word building, movable alphabet, bead work, sequin boards, and thousand chain.

What to do when baby cries, from Montessori life Magazine

Try to identify the kind of cry and what the baby's behaviors telling you. Use clues like when did the baby had last nap, diaper change, and time of last feeding. Sometimes if they are overly stimulated it can add to the cry.

1. Walk with the baby. Even rock up and down or gently sewing.
2. Use white noise or motion. Parents say that they set their infant on a washing machine, or use a "white noise" machine to soothe the baby.
3. Another way to quiet a fussy, unsettled baby is called a "football hold." Placing the baby across your forearm on their belly, chest in your hand, legs and arms dangling, your other hand securely on his back, you can gently rock the baby up and down. When the baby begins to quiet, they will lift their head and look around. This method can offer a short break for desperate parents.

Did you know? TV Research

The longer a child looks at a television screen, the less likely he is to look away. Children are least vulnerable to distraction when engaged in long looks at television. This research led to the theory of attention inertia, which states that the longer a viewer looks at the television screen, the higher the probability is of that look continuing (Anderson, Choi & Lorch, 1987).

Pre-Primary class

The kinder group made beautiful lunch bag books.

Sewing Projects: Sewing projects are enhancing math skills. Whether stringing beads or sewing on burlap, children are involved in beginning math skills. Some girls have been sewing some beautiful decoration on scarves. Our kinder groups are already sewing cross-stitch, sewing bracelets, sewing burlap, and sewing scarves.

Curriculum for January: Africa, Polar Region, Weather and Texas

- Cowboy Gear, The Texas flower- Bluebonnet
- Parts of horse, Armadillos
- And much more

Toddler's Class

This month, toddlers are learning about the importance of our five senses.

- Eyes/ Sight help you to see different objects, color, and shapes.
- Ears help determine which sounds are loud and which ones are soft.
- Taste with the tongue, which help to determine salty from sweet or sour.
- Nose to help you smell and determine the difference between good and bad odor.
- Touch things with skin helps determine things that are soft, hard, or prickly.

Along with the use of observation, descriptive and expressive vocabulary your child will take home a booklet about the five senses.

Great Fun Food Recipes by Parents.com:

100th Days of Chocolate

Since this month we are celebrating 100th year of Maria Montessori. Your Preschoolers may have a hard time getting the concept of this milestone, but 100-chunk chocolate cookie makes it deliciously clear. To Make:

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Spray the bottom of a foil pizza pan with vegetable cooking spray.
2. Put a package (16.5 oz) of refrigerated sugar cookie dough into pan. Press 100 chunks of chocolate into the surface.
3. Bake for 20 minutes. Let cool completely. Decorate, and it's large enough to serve the whole school!

Thank you to our parents:

We like to thank Melina's parents for donating beautiful supply of buttons and fabrics to the school. Also thank you to Charlotte's parents for donating wonderful buttons for art project. A thank you also to an anonymous donor who left a bag of clothes and books in the office!

Director's Note:

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

We are so happy to announce the opening of a new Toddler classroom. The division of the age groups will now be as follows:

6 weeks thru 12 months, 13 months thru 18 months, and 19 months thru 36 months. We are always working towards making our program better to be able to serve you better! Please spread the word and earn a 10% discount when you recommend someone!

Fund Raising Update: A BIG THANKYOU

With all your support, we raised \$ 550 .We will inform you what resources we buy for each classroom.

Your support is GREATLY appreciated!