



HAPPENINGS



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"What nobler employment, or more valuable to the state, than that of the man who instructs the rising generation."

Marcus T. Cicero

What are the reasons for children to bite?

An article written by Nan Lee Hawkins has some very interesting literature about why children bite and what can be done about it. This article highlights many things about why children bite and the most common ones include; jealousy, frustration, teething, communication, chaos, exploration, attention, and last but not least that was very interesting was the eating habits.

Many times, a child is not offered the appropriate foods for his/her age. For example, an older toddler may still be eating primarily baby food when he/she is in fact ready for the table food. Since the child is anxious to use those new teeth, he/she may bite something else....such as the nearest child!!

Now some of the tips to stop the biting:

1. Increase the biting child's vocabulary.
2. Use small groups; study how your children learn best.
3. Periodically change the classroom; putting in the small group setting might be helpful.
4. Watch what the biting child is eating. If he/she is not eating foods appropriate to the age.
5. Keep a close eye on behavior during transition time.

Want to do something for the love of nature?

Make your own fabric softener and save money and reduce garbage in landfills.

All you have to do is mix 1 part fabric softener to 4 parts water in a spray bottle, spray some on a dedicated wash cloth and toss in dryer with clothes.

Introduce Your Child to Nature

Maria Montessori believed that nature talks directly to children. Go for walks in the woods with your children to collect pine cones, leaves, and seeds, or draw pictures of birds that you see. Encourage them to observe insects (like an ant farm) or animals in the wild. Growing plants from seeds or sprouts from a carrot top are always rewarding for children, and having a backyard garden makes a lot sense, too. Other ideal places for children to spend time are a sandy beach full of shells and other natural objects at the shoreline, or even just a yard full of snow.

No plastic ware please...for microwaving lunches

Research has shown that chemicals can leach from plasticware when used in the microwave. We urge you to send their lunches in glassware.

T-Shirts, etc with your child's artwork!

The Pre-Primary children will draw their faces which will get imprinted on a T-Shirt, mousepad, etc. A real popular item and a great souvenir! Please pick up a form if you would like to order- deadline is March

Happenings in the classroom:

Toddlers Classroom:

In the month of February our Toddlers are discussing about opposites and talking a lot about hot and cold, small and big, quiet and loud. The colors of the month are going to be red and yellow. All these words help our children to enhance the vocabulary and learn the meaning by doing many art and crafts related to the theme of the week.



Anjali Nair is surrounded in "heart" work



True Montessorians, Cierra giving Avery a Lesson on how to put shoes on!!!

Pre-Primary Classes:

For the month of February our primary classes are learning all about space and that sun is actually a star. They are learning about the planets and the names. They will also be learning about presidents, Valentine's Day, and last but not the least **colors!!**

Pre-Primary I class got to design their own space ship with the help of geometric shapes. In creative dramatics, children did the planet spin dance with the music as if they were spinning around the sun. This helped them learned the concept of rotation.

Pre-Primary II class learned about space and astronauts. What surprised and amazed all the kids about astronauts were that when they go to space they actually wear diapers or as they call it Maximum Absorbency Garments. They have to wear the diapers because the pressure at take off is very strong and it can make a person go to the bathroom. They also have to sit for long periods of 3 hours or longer and can't get up. All astronauts have to wear these special diapers when they take off on a space launch.

Children created their own space ship with their original designs. They learned the names and the facts about each of the planets. Kids were little disappointed that Pluto is not a planet anymore; they thought Pluto is so cute!

Recycle We are always looking for things to recycle. Our teachers make some great project with the kids through recyclable items. Ms. Ivette is collecting empty cereal boxes and the tin lids that are in the frozen concentrated juice.

Elections in Pre-Primary II class YES! They went thru the whole election process and the classmates elected Khaliq as President and Nikesh as the Vice-President. CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank You Ariana Goode & Family! Ariana brought beautiful display of flowers, seeds, gardening gloves, and a digging tool for her classroom. We planted and cultivated the school planter!!

