



HAPPENINGS

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".....give and do what is necessary for the child to act for himself....." Maria Montessori

If you plan for a year, plant a seed. If for ten years, plant a tree. If for a hundred years, teach the people. When you sow a seed once, you will reap a single harvest. When you teach the people, you will reap a hundred harvests. Kuan Chung

Let Me Help by Karin Salzmann

In primitive societies, and even in quite recent times, children always participated in the life of the home. A sense of belonging, help the child to grow up strong and secure.

Astonishingly, most five yrs old can scramble eggs, iron clothes, but how many do get to do that? Real jobs begin at the age of two. With our busy schedules and late working hours we try not to have our little ones come in the kitchen or do any of the chores that require our assistant. On the other hand, if we look through a child's perspective they want to learn and are capable of doing many household chores if given instruction and patience's.

It is best to be always at the child's level, where they can easily see what you are doing. Show your child with clear, slow, economical movement, talking only if it is really necessary (he's going to copy your movements, so that's what to focus their attention; chatter is distracting).

When your child is finished, delight in the effects of the child's work, rather than praising the child directly. For example, it can be stated like wow!

"How clean and shiny you've made it!" Instead of saying "What a wonderful child you are" if you emphasize him/her accomplishment it will mean much more to the child than just the praise.

Nurturing children's well-being by offering them items that connect them to the bigger world in a real way is very important!!

Our Garden News

The children are eagerly watching out for our 1 sunflower that survived the hurricane and hard freezes. The sunflower has aphids and the children are watching ladybugs eat the aphids. One ladybug can consume as many as 50 aphids per day. We will be watching for the female ladybug to be laying her eggs soon because the aphids will feed her larva.

MOTHER NATURE ROCKS!!!!!!!!!!



Samuel is planting strawberry begonia in our flower bed.

Classroom Happening

Pre-primary Classes

Ms. Anila's class experimented with colors last week and tried mixing different primary colors and was astounded with what new colors they came up with. The children thoroughly enjoyed their classroom color project.

Ms. Kimberly's kinder group made nature jars and designed a new species of butterfly to put in the jar. Thanks to all who donated the wonderful jars?

Our kinder groups made alligator puppets out of Popsicle sticks and construction paper.



Figure 1 our puppeteers showing off their alligator puppets.

Toddlers Classes

Our Toddlers will be working on everything green for the month of March. This month we will be emphasizing on the things that are green like frogs, plants, grass, trees etc. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day we will be talking and enhancing our vocabulary through items like shamrock, hats, and caps. Parents should also work with the child/ren on their vocabulary at home too, because repetition is the key with the toddlers.

Composting basics

Composting is a natural process in which plant matter breaks down, or decomposes, into smaller forms, such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. These are nutrients the plants absorbed in growing, and they are the same nutrients found in fertilizer. Decayed material from a compost pile, then, is a rich, fertile soil we can add to our plants and yard.

You can make compost in a heap on the ground or in almost any kind of large container. A container, even as simple as a wire bin, is a good idea because it helps keep out dogs, raccoons, and other critters.

For ingredients, you will need "browns" and "greens". Browns include dried leaves, straw, wood chips, and brown paper bags. Greens are grass clippings and kitchen wastes such as orange rinds, potato peelings, coffee grounds, and egg shells. Don't use meat and fish scraps, oil, grease, dairy products, and bones. Don't add anything with chemicals and toxins, such as charcoal from the barbecue grill or pet droppings.

Aim for a ratio of roughly six parts browns to one part greens. The plant matter needs to be in small pieces (no bigger than 2 inches), and it needs to stay damp, but not soaking wet.

Calendar- School closed

Friday, April 10th: Easter Break

Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day Holiday

Thank you again and again to all those parents who continuously donate stuff to the school. We are always in need of clothes especially ages three plus!

Policy Reminders:

1. No open toed sandals- closed shoes are safer in the playground
2. Always have a set of spare clothes for your child
3. Please return school clothes promptly. We run out in no time!