



# HAPPENINGS

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**"Teachers I believe, are the most responsible and important members of the society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth."**

**Helen Caldicott**

We are so grateful to have an excellent team of teachers and caregivers here at the Cypresswood Montessori School. We are appreciative of everything they do for us each day. It takes a big heart and a lot of patience to work with children. All teachers really appreciated all the thoughtful gifts that were showered on them during the "Teacher Appreciation Week." THANK YOU!!!

## SUMMER SAFETY - (Texas children's center for childhood injury prevention)

Ensuring the safety of your child does not have to mean less summer fun. To help ensure your child's safety, follow a few tips from the safety experts at Texas Children's Hospital and Greater Houston SAFE KIDS.

**Sunburn:** The sun in Texas is strong, even on cloudy days. Children with fair skin can burn in less than 15 minutes. The safest time for children to play outdoors is before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

### Sunburn prevention tips:

- Keep babies younger than 6 months old out of the sun.
- Block the sun's intense rays with wide-brimmed hats and colored shirts with sleeves.
- Apply sunscreen 30 min. before going outside. Reapply every hour, even if it is waterproof. Kids with fair skin should reapply more often.
- Sunscreen sticks are less likely to run with sweat.
- Cloud cover does not block harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays, so use sunscreen even on overcast days.

### Heat illness

Temperatures during summer can rise 20 to 30 degrees from morning to mid-afternoon. That is why planning ahead and being prepared for the warmest part of the day is critical to keeping children free from heat illness. Heat illness includes exhaustion and stroke.

### Heat illness prevention tips:

- Plan outdoor activities during a cooler time of day.
- Stay in cool, shaded places as much as possible.
- Select lightweight, loose-fitting clothes. Cotton is a great summertime fabric.
- Whenever you plan an outing, pack plenty of drinks. During summer, most kids need about twice as much fluid as they would normally drink.
- A 90-pound child should drink:
  - At least 6 oz. (12 gulps) of fluid before activity and
  - 4 to 6 oz. every 15 minutes during activity and for the first hour after stopping activity.

### Classroom happenings:

**Infants:** Our infants who are 12 months and older have discovered a sense of possession; their favorite new word at this stage is "MINE".

### TODDLER RULES

If I have it in my hand	IT'S MINE
If I like it	IT'S MINE
If it looks like mine	IT'S MINE
If I think it's mine	IT'S MINE
AND EVERYTHING ELSE	IT'S MINE

## Classroom happenings cont...

**Toddlers:** In the month of May, toddlers had so much fun learning about farm animals. They also enjoyed doing art work. They colored, glittered and glued paper onto octagons. In June, they will be doing "fun in the sun" activities. They will be discussing sea/ocean animals, sand, sun, and the different activities that you can do such as swimming. They will be looking at various sea shells, sea horses, etc.



Look at our cool Toddlers 😊

**Pre-Primary I:** Our children became young scientists by doing experiments on magnets, sink and float, water displacement and created beautiful paintings by blowing paint with straws. In the month of June they will be learning about our pioneer Jonny apple seed and how people lived in those days. They will also be learning about and doing projects on the topics of insects, reptiles and plants.

**Pre-Primary II:** In the month of June they will be learning about insects, bugs, Fathers Day, males, reptiles, frogs and plants. The Kinder group recycled soda bottles to make foamerators. The foamerators created wacky foam bubble snakes by blowing air through the simple, homemade bubble making device.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Your support at the Scholastic Book Fair was really appreciated. The classrooms enriched with all your donated books. The school also earned \$400.00 Scholastic Dollars which will be used by the teachers to choose more books for the classrooms! Thank you again!

### A big thank you

We would like to thank Jace Ehrhardt's mom who donated all the jungle theme party decorations and lots more, all of the items will be so useful in craft projects. Thank you so very much for all of your wonderful contributions to the school. If anyone can spare old clothes for 3-5 yrs. old will be appreciated.

### Pre-Primary Water Days!!! What Fun!!!

We plan to have water days every Mondays and Wednesdays starting Mon. June 7<sup>th</sup> thru Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>. Your child will need a swimsuit, towel and water sandals and ALL should be named. The teachers will take good care but we will not be responsible of lost items, especially if they are not named and PLEASE remember to take the WET clothes home! If your child is sick, or you do not wish him/her to participate, s/he will sit out under the shade and just watch the fun!

### Field Trips!!!

This summer, we have added field trips in June and July for pre-primary II class on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Fever Policy Reminder

When a child has a temperature of 101, s/he has to go home and return only after free of fever for 24 hrs. to protect. Please remember to keep a bottle of fever reducing medicine in school.

### Attencion Spanish!

All classes will have regular Spanish classes as of June. Listen out for their new vocab and songs.

### Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> Independence Day - Holiday