



HAPPENINGS

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Parent Education Night...and Parent Appreciation evening....

Friday, Sept. 15th @ 6:30 pm

You are cordially invited to our third annual Parent Education Night and parent's appreciation evening. Paula Palamountain will take us thru the Math progression using the Montessori philosophy.

We sincerely hope that you all can come. Please RSVP as soon as you know. Individual invitations out soon!

Summer Fun!

The children **loved** their water days this summer! A big thank you to Ms. Jennifer and her team for coordinating this awesome and fun activity.

Would u recommend us?

We would like to add your comments on our website, so if you could find some time to either hand us a hand written letter or e-mail us at cypresswoodmontess@sbcglobal.net, This would be greatly appreciated. We believe that "word of mouth" can be our best advertising tool. Thank you in advance. We continue to grow by referrals from y'all happy parents- remember your **10 percent discount**. Please recommend the school to your friends and neighbors

Car safety Reminder

Please make sure you buckle up your child safely inside the carseat when driving. Following the laws is vital and very very important for his/her safety. Putting them in the front seat should be avoided, even for short trips!

Welcome

to all our new enrollments and to those who took the summer off. We are sure glad to see you all and we pray for a wonderful year ahead of us!

Toddler Classroom

This month, the Toddlers are talking all about Music and the different instruments. If anyone has any items to share please feel free to bring them in. We sure would appreciate it! Especially if someone plays an instrument- that would be awesome!

Pre- Primary Class I & II

We have a big group doing official Kindergarten with us this year and we sincerely thank the parents for making this choice. Your children will blossom with our very hands on Montessori materials and philosophy of learning. There will homework assigned to them starting in a month or two. Our weekly curriculum is posted on the bulletin Board outside the Pre-Primary Classrooms. Instead of asking them....."What did you do at school today?" and your child goes- NOTHING!" Please ask your children questions related to the topics and pick their brains! If anyone has any items to share - related to the topics- please feel free to bring them in. We sure would appreciate it.

Pre-Primary I have a show and tell time every Friday.

Pre-Primary II do Yoga and body movements on Fridays and we request that the girls wear shorts under dresses or have trousers on for that day. Thank you!

Spanish classes

Arrival Time...

- Please remember to sign in when dropping off your child and sign out when picking up as **required** by the licensing.
- Please let your child in quietly into the classroom if s/he is late and the classroom session has started.
- We would appreciate it if you could kindly make sure that the front door shuts well behind you. Sometimes, it gets stuck.
- Thank you so much for your co-operation!

Some Policy reminders

1. Children should be in closed shoes. Open toes are not safe. With proper sneakers, they can enjoy the playground without getting hurt.
2. For birthday celebrations, please remember to read our guidelines in the parent contract – no icing on the cake- just so your children do not bounce off the walls!
3. Always keep a change of clothes at the school - your child may need a change of clothes for various reasons.
4. The school's clothes are all labeled CM, so in the event that your child comes home with these, please return them promptly. We need the clothes all day, everyday!

Calendar

- Monday, Sept. 4th Labor Day: School & Daycare closed
- Thurs, Nov. 23th and Fri. Nov 24th Thanksgiving day and the day after Thanksgiving Day: School & Daycare closed.
- Monday, Dec 20th - Tues. Jan 2nd Winter Break: School & Daycare Open
- Monday, Dec. 25th - School & Daycare closed
- Monday, Jan. 1st - New Year's Day- school & Daycare closed

Donation to school

If you have clothes that your children have outgrown, you could donate them to the school - we would use them as spare clothes. Thanks!

As in the past years, Enrichment Services are providing us with a great Spanish native speaking teacher. These classes are starting Sept 6. They will be on every Wednesday between 4: 15 - 5:15 for students 3 years and up or just under 3 years. Please sign up at the front desk. They cost \$ 40 a month.

Our Blooming Garden

Have you seen our backyard and the beautiful garden? These flowers were planted by our pre-primary students in May/ June.

A big thank you to Ms. Kimberly and her team for taking this initiative and for teaching our children the love for nature and of course, for maintaining the flowerbed!

Insight into the Montessori Classroom of Pre-Primary I From: The Folios magazine

What does polishing a mirror and washing a table have to do with education?

One unique aspect of a Montessori classroom is the Practical Life area. Through repetitive, hands-on and very purposeful activities, the child learns to do things for herself. At the same time, indirect learning beyond polishing a mirror, using tweezers, folding laundry or opening or closing bottles is occurring. The children learn concentration, manual dexterity, order and independence. Far from being trivial, these skills form the necessary foundation for all future learning as they stir important areas for the brain. In addition, the children are interested in learning REAL things in the REAL world, which accounts for the tremendous popularity of the exercises. As Dr. Maria Montessori once said, **"Children don't play, they work "**

A Personal note from the Director: Thank you all very much for being part of our school. We know you have a lot of choices of schools/daycares. We are here to serve you and your dear ones. Please come and see us for any concerns/ suggestions, etc

Peace: Mrs. Nasser