



# HAPPENINGS

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**“Within the child lies the fate of the future.”** -Dr. Maria Montessori-

**Benefits of Montessori From: The Folios magazine**

**Your child learns at his own rate.** He is neither held back nor pushed forward according to the learning rates of other students. In a traditional classroom, all the children are learning the same thing and moving through the curriculum at same rate. We know that each child has different abilities and interests. They all have different interests as well. Since children are so different, it is unrealistic to expect that they will learn at the same rate. Because of the repetition that Maria Montessori built into her system, a child is allowed to work on something until s/he masters it. Since they don't move on to the next skill until they mastered the present one, there are never any gaps in their education. That means there is never any need for remedial education.

## **Sept. 21 is International Day of Peace** **Feeling for Peace**

This is the day to experience the emotions of peace. The emotions of peace are compassion, understanding and love.

Compassion is the feeling of shared suffering. When you feel someone else's suffering, understanding is born.

Understanding is the knowledge that suffering is shared by everyone. When you understand that you aren't alone in your suffering, there is the birth of love.

When there is love there is the opportunity for peace.

**Front Entrance Window Mural!**

**A BIG APPLAUD FOR EILEEN GRAEBENER**

**What a superb job- Thanks a lot Eileen!**

**Pre- Primary Class I & II**

Thanks to all the donated pantyhose, it was used for lots of exciting projects. Ms. Kimberly has plenty to even last her for next year.

The kinder group and older kids made adorable babies out of pantyhose. The children stuffed pantyhose with cotton ball and it was assembled and wrapped up in cloth. Then they added facial features. Headen Champion was the only boy who was interested in making a pantyhose baby. He called it his "jungle baby boy."

The primary 2 classroom had great fun making a clucking chicken & learning about science at the same time. The children created vibrations as they pull on the string to make the chicken cluck!

**Craft:** a Little Clucker. For this simple activity you will need, per child ~ one small plastic cup (yogurt containers work well) with a hole poked through the bottom, a piece of string about 18 inches in length, and one paper clip. Have the children tie one end of the string to the paper clip and insert the other end through the bottom of the cup. Invert the cup so that it is upside down with the string hanging freely out through the top of the cup and the paper clip resting on the outside of the bottom of the cup. Wet fingers & holding the cup in one hand use the other hand to pull the string downward in short, quick tugs. This will create your chicken's clucking sound.

## Pre- Primary Class I & II...cont.

The dinosaur curriculum has been great fun! Your children are saying .... This is a Dimetrodon, and this is a Stegosaurus ... and not this is a dinosaur! They have absorbed their names like a sponge! You will love their booklets!

Following the dinosaur curriculum there will be an insight in the food pyramid. Children will learn about the differences in healthy foods and junk foods! So hide those chips and cookies! Your child will tell you what is right to eat and what is not.

**Holiday Picture Day: Tues. November 9<sup>th</sup>**

### Too Much Art: Reclaiming Your Refrigerator Door

Preschoolers typically bring home upwards of 150 pieces of artwork in a given year. Is it any wonder the flood of your child's masterpieces seems endless?

If the refrigerator door is so full of artwork that it's difficult to find the handle, don't despair. Preschool artwork is an important part of your child's education - developing creativity and communication - so consider it an opportunity to exercise your own creativity.

For example: Create an art portfolio or storage bin for your child in which he can store his masterpieces. For times when your child wants to create artwork at home, you can purchase a large, spiral-bound drawing pad. This is an easy way to keep his homebound artistic efforts organized and protected. The pad can also serve as a traveling art gallery when visiting family and friends.

Another good way to handle all those preschool masterpieces is by purchasing several sizes of plastic frames and creating a revolving art gallery of your child's favorite work. Here's another idea: Thread small binder clips onto a clothesline and fasten the line to the wall with small screws. Hang the artwork from the clips; it's easy to change the exhibition often.

As the holiday season approaches, your child can make his own special gift for grandma or an uncle. With a little scissors and paste (make sure your child sees you using proper safety precautions with the scissors), a favorite piece of artwork can become a custom-created greeting card that family members will long cherish.

By the way, what if the artwork doesn't look like anything in particular? No problem. Technique is not an issue for preschoolers. The important thing is that he's engaged in open-ended creativity which builds self-esteem and allows him to express ideas and feelings, not whether it's a picture of a dog or a dinosaur.

### Policy Reminders:

- Signing in your child in the mornings and signing out again is very crucial. In case of Emergency, we need to know if your child is on the premises!
- The school closes at 6:30 PM and the facility should be vacated by then. Please be here by 6:20 allowing 10 minutes to gather your child, belongings, etc. This consideration is much appreciated.
- Children should be wearing closed toe shoes at school. This allows them to play properly in the playground and avoid accidents. Please take this seriously.

### Lunch Time: We need your help

PLEASE label your child's lunchbox and the containers as well. While we are warming the lunches in the microwave, it can get tricky to remember whose container it is!! With the growth of children at the school, we need your help to let us know in the mornings whether your child is having a school lunch or not. Please indicate on the notepad by the sign in sheets. **With much appreciation!**

**THANK YOU ALL TO THOSE WHO MADE IT FOR PARENT APPRECIATION EVENING!!**