



# HAPPENINGS

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**"Within the child lies the fate of the future."**

-Dr. Maria Montessori

**Fall is on the way.....**

With the cold season approaching, please dress your child appropriately for the weather. Leave a spare jacket at school so children can get it when needed. Please, make sure it is labeled with your child's name. All children will go outdoors-It is very important that your child gets fresh air. However when it is extremely cold, we would not take them out.

## Classroom Happenings:

**Infants Safety:** When the child begins to crawl and one never knows at what moment, this will happen - the most important consideration is the safety of the environment for the child. We must look at the space from the child's perspective and go over it with a fine-toothed comb. **Pulling up, standing, and walking:** Each child has an internal timetable of physical development which guides him in knowing just the right time to begin to pull himself up and to stand, and how long to practice these abilities each day. When we hold the child's hand to help him walk ahead of his optimum time we are giving a subtle message that we are not satisfied with his own timetable and abilities, or that we want him to hurry up. This can make a child frustrated at his own attempts. It is better just to wait to watch, to enjoy the unfolding unique growth of the child as he follows his inner guide.

**Toddlers I** students are well adjusted to our routine. Children are learning colors - by everyday painting. They know some of them and can tell the first letter sounds of the colors - for ex. boo for blue, geen for green.

## Classroom Happenings cont...

**Toddlers II** students have been working on the colors, counting and shapes. Children have really been enjoying our color matching work. They were very excited when they saw that when we mixed 2 or 3 primary colors, we could make a different color (orange, purple, green, brown and black).



Fee and Kate working on color matching

**Pre-Primary I:** The New School Year started with most of kids in Pre-Primary I class moving up to Pre-Primary II. We will miss all our out going friends and wish them all the best and we welcome all the new friends in our class and plan to have a great educational fun-filled year. Weeks followed with the topics of Safety/Stranger danger, transport and dinosaurs being introduced in class with the help of books, project activities and creative dramatics presentation.

The Kissing Hand book was introduced and all children had a cookie with a heart center cut in the middle!

**Pre-Primary II** children enjoyed the kissing hand curriculum. It is based around Audrey Penn's book: The Kissing Hand. It's a perfect first day of school story. The story is about a little raccoon ready to start school. He talks about his fears to his mother, fears that most children have before beginning school.

### Classroom Happenings cont...

His mother comes up with a wonderful solution to help her little raccoon remember that she loves him and is thinking about him, even when she isn't with him. It is a wonderful and heart-warming story to share with little ones.

The students also learned about:

1. Chester counting work 1-10.
2. Chester in a log puppet to act out the story.
3. Chester and mother puppet to role play the story.
4. What raccoons eat and habitat.
5. Day-time and night-time animals.
6. Parts of the hand and other fun activities.

The new groups of children are adjusting well to the new classroom and are learning the rules and lots of new lessons. The children enjoy watching monarch butterflies - we have them hatching almost everyday.

Guess who is in that molar? We had a visit from dental hygienist on Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>. The kids enjoyed the presentation and learnt a lot about dental hygiene. Children were thrilled with the huge molar tooth that Ms. Myra wore.



### Some Policy Reminders.....

1. Children should be in closed shoes. Open toes are not safe. With proper shoes, they can enjoy the playground without getting hurt.
2. For birthday celebrations, please remember to read our guidelines.
3. Always keep a change of clothes at the school, your child may need a change of clothes for various reasons.

### Policy Reminders cont...

4. 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!
5. 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! If you can spare some-that would be great!

### All-Natural Play Clay - Recipe

Add color to this no-cook dough using ingredients from your kitchen, and you won't have to worry if some ends up in your toddler's mouth (though the taste probably won't be to her liking).

You will need:

- \* 1 cup flour
- \* 3/8 cup salt
- \* 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- \* Natural dye

In a medium-size bowl, combine the flour and salt. Pour in the oil and your chosen natural dye, and stir well. Knead the dough on a floured surface for a few minutes. If the clay is too soft, add a bit more flour. Store the clay in airtight containers in the refrigerator.

### Please Plan to attend the Parent Appreciation/Social Evening

Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

### Life Touch Pictures

On Friday, November 6, 2009 starting @ 8:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

**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