

HAPPENINGS



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"You are the bridge between what your child will learn at Montessori and what your child can learn at home. As a Montessori parent, it will not take you long to learn that every moment can become an exciting learning experience."

-Stanley Shapiro

Being a Montessori Parent

Choosing how your child will be educated, especially in the early formative years, can be the most important decision to make regarding your child's future. Research proves that the early childhood school education can have a lifetime impact.

While you may think that Montessori education is a method, it is really more an approach or attitude about life, growth and development. Montessori materials do not create that approach, rather understanding Montessori principles can help you create the right attitude about your child's learning. Basic to this attitude is to understand that you cannot learn for your child. Only he or she can do that. Your job, as the first educator of your children, is to help them learn for themselves.

There are many Montessori approaches that you can take from your home. Child can help fold the laundry; they can also help you in the kitchen by putting the dishes in the dishwasher. Whether it is going for a walk with your child to find the bugs in the summer, cracks in the sidewalk, parades of ants, puddles, etc. whatever will allow them to be independent and to explore things on their own -this is the best thing you can do for a young child.



Peter Mathey in Toddlers I class walks in with his rollup backup every morning. This is what a Montessori Child is all about. A young toddler with such independence! Please encourage your child to be more independent.

Thanksgiving Holiday Cookies



Ingredient:

Roll (16.5 oz) Pillsbury® refrigerated sugar cookies
container (16 oz) chocolate creamy frosting
Candy corn
Orange decorating icing
Black decorating gel
Miniature candy-coated chocolate baking bits

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DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Bake cookies as directed on roll. Cool completely, about 20 minutes.
2. Spoon chocolate frosting into resealable food-storage plastic bag; seal bag. Cut small hole in bottom corner of bag. On each cookie, pipe frosting on outer edge of half of cookie. Arrange candy corn over frosting for feathers.
3. Pipe orange icing onto each cookie to resemble turkey face and feet. Use orange icing to attach baking bits to turkey face for eyes. Pipe black gel on baking bits for centers of eyes. (More recipes on Pillsbury.com)

Infants & Toddlers

Our Toddlers are learning about Thanksgiving this month. The vocabularies for the month are parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, and even pets. We will also be talking about all the things that we are thankful for!

THANK YOU for participating in our fundraisers:

The 'Small Hands' fundraiser earned the school a \$ 60 credit voucher for resources for the classroom .This will be evenly distributed amongst the classrooms.

Midland Fundraising raised \$ 300. These funds will be used for the playground.

We really appreciate your effort and participation!

Holiday Calendar: The school will be closed the following days:

Thursday, November 27th - Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 28th - The day after

Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 25th - Christmas day

Thursday, January 1st - New Year's Day

We would greatly appreciate if you would let us know of your holiday plans and when your child will not be at the school. This allows staff to take time

Pre-primary Classes Alber Einstein said, "If you want your children to be smart, tell them stories, If you want them to be really smart tell them more stories. If you want your children to be brilliant, tell them even more stories."

School Library: Thanks to Ms. Kimberly's and Ms. Marisol's idea and effort, we have put together a small library inside our storage room. Essentially, it is a teachers resource.

In our Pre Primary I classroom children are encouraged to go through books in the library corner. During the circle time we have quiet book reading time. Stories are read to them everyday and discussions are encouraged. This increases the children's vocabulary and gives them a chance to speak out their views, thus, developing their self-confidence. So during one of the one of the group discussions on the nursery Rhyme "Humpty Dumpty" some children showed concerned about Humpty Dumpty not having any hair while others were of the opinion that Humpty Dumpty was an egg.

In our Pre Primary II we learned about Nursery rhymes and even had a combined classroom science on "Humpty Dumpty" nursery rhyme. Ms. Kimberly threw the egg from the blocks higher each time till it broke. Finally when it did, Anhi Nguyen tried to put the egg back together but then she finally figured it out that once its broken you cannot put it back together. It was a great learning experience for both classes!!! Kids were humming the tune even after the experiment.

Conferences

There are sign up sheets outside the Pre-Primary and Toddlers classrooms for an opportunity to set up a conference time with your child's teacher if you want. Please pick up the progress report.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OUR PARENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES