

HAPPENINGS

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We discovered that education is not something which the teacher does, but that it is a natural process which develops spontaneously in the human being. - Maria Montessori

The Importance of Montessori for the Kindergarten Year! - The Montessori Foundation

Kindergarten is not the start of schooling, by five most Montessori children will begin to read, and many will be introduced to multiplication and division. The Kindergarten year is the time when many of the earlier lessons come together and become a permanent part of the young child's understanding. An excellent example is the early introduction to addition with large numbers through the Bank Game. As a five year old, your child has many opportunities to teach the younger children lessons that he learned when he was their age. Research proves that this experiment has powerful benefits for both tutor and tutored. Your child already knows most of her classmates. She has grown up in safe, supportive classroom setting. And having spent two years together, your child's teachers know her very, very well. Montessori teaches children to be kind and peaceful. Montessori math is based on the European tradition of unified mathematics. Basic geometry is introduced at a young age. Even in Kindergarten, Montessori children are studying cultural geography and beginning to grow into global citizens. In Montessori, your child can continue to progress at her own pace. In traditional Kindergarten, she will have to wait while the other children begin to catch up. Students in Montessori schools are not afraid of making mistakes because they have learned how to self-correct; they see them as natural steps in the learning process. Montessori children learn how to learn - and they learn to love learning!

Recycle Recycle Recycle

We recycle all Christmas cards, calendars, used up gift cards, unwanted garden seeds, regular magazines, small fine mist sprayers, cologne bottles for art projects, small pieces of wood for Plaques, ex. floor woods, puzzles with lost pieces, scrap pieces of wood and lots more!

Extra Curriculum Activities

We offer Spanish, Soccer, Dance and Tae Kwon Do!

Referral Discount

Get one FULL month's tuition waived by referring a family to our school!!! The discount is applied on the second month of referred family being at school.

Valentine's Exchange

We will have a quiet little celebration on Tuesday, February 14th during class time. Our exchange is an opportunity for us to tell those people we see every day how important they are to us. Please bring valentine cards for every child in your child's classroom. If your child can write, he/she should write his/her name on each the cards, if not you can write your child's name. Do not write any other children's names, please.

A Sincere Thank you

Thank you again and again to all those parents who continuously donate stuff to the school. We use it all!

Classroom Happenings:

Toddlers: January has been wonderful for the toddler class. We welcome new friends from the infant room Olivia and Josie! They are doing great and we are so happy to have them. We learned about letters s, m, a and t this month. Remember when continuing learning at home, please use the "sound" of the letter to identify it, not the "name" of the letter. We talked about cold, hot and rainy weather. We also learned about cold weather animals. We continue to work on colors names, counting and shapes weekly. Many friends are progressing.

Primary 1: What an exhilarating time it is for the students when learning is combined with fun! The students were thrilled as they learned about the weather and the four different seasons. It was followed by an energy filled activity as they were split into 4 groups and each group acted out their designated seasons when specific weather was called out. For the next lesson, the students had Rodeo learning about the great state of Texas! It was no rowdy time when they sat and listened attentively to the rich history of the Lone Star State, and why it was called as so. The next lesson was about The Black History and we talked why Peace among the people regardless race is such a valuable thing. The class also talked about a Festive Holiday celebrated by Chinese brothers and sisters all over the world.



Aanya is always excited to work on the knobbles cylinders. This work helps develop the child's concentration and hand eye coordination.

Primary 2: Rain, rain go away come again another day, little children at Montessori school wants to play. We've learned about different kinds of weather and the proper clothes to wear for each weather. Texas is the state we live in. It's found in North America. We are known because of cowboys, horses, cows and huge farm lands. The class watched videos about TEXAS, love all, accept all! This is the theme that we are emphasizing for our Black History lesson. Black or white, yellow or brown we are all special. Children made "I have a dream" project just like Martin Luther King who also dreamed that dream actually came through. Asia is the biggest continent. The class talked about the animals that can be found in Asia.

Classroom Happenings Cont...



Amabel is working with the pink tower. A sensorial work that prepares her for future number/mathematics work. This also helps her differentiate the weight of each cube as she builds the tower.



Carter is so focused with hammering work. This work enhances his eye-hand coordination in preparation for reading. Practical life work is important for children because it helps develop the ability to be independent.

Primary 3: The children have been watching eagle cam (southwest Florida cam on youtube.com). The female eagle has laid 2 eggs. One egg has already hatched. We named it Steve. Some of the children named it Twinkle Star. We can't wait until the other eaglet hatches. We know that female eagles are slightly larger than males. We got to watch the female eagle feed the eaglet some fish that she caught with her talons. We enjoy watching her preen her feathers. We learned that eagles can live up to 20 years. We will be watching the eagle cam every day to check on our eagle friends.