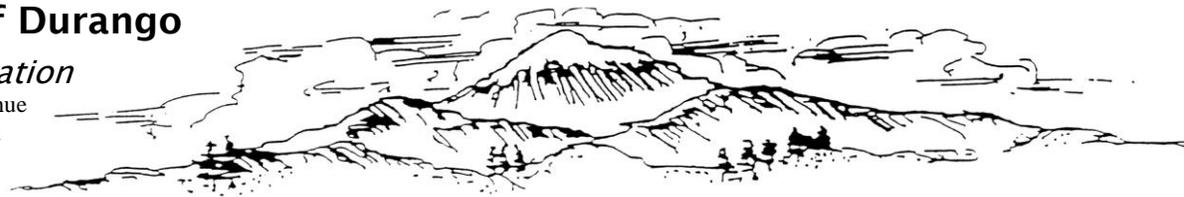


Children's House of Durango

Montessori Education

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Monthly Newsletter: April, 2018

Spring is here and it's time to clean out the bin room! Hooray! Since the days can still get cool outside, please be sure to send your child to school each day with a warm jacket and hats and gloves for those extra chilly spring days. Don't forget sunscreen!

April is looking BUSY! Here is what the students are doing this month:

Blue room

This month we will be focusing on:

- Counting and writing numbers up to 100
- Introducing money
- Practicing more music and refining the sense of hearing by matching the bells

Red room

This month we will be focusing on:

- Finishing up farm animals in Spanish
- Introducing food related vocabulary
- In practical life, the students will be practicing shoe tying and polishing
- For a lesson in grace and courtesy, we will practice setting the table & inviting a friend
- Introducing food related Practical Life works such as carrot peeling and lemon juicing

Green room

This month we will be focusing on:

- Revisiting basic skills
- Representational drawing skills
- Learning how to break down drawings and paintings through object - shape correspondence (e.g., an orange is a sphere)
- Creating programs, props and the backdrop for our Spring Sing performance

Rainbow room

This month we will be focusing on:

- The United States in Geography and learning about Native Americans
- Continuing to study lifecycles including amphibians, butterflies and mealworms
- Welcoming spring with units on seeds, plants, the birds and the bees
- Practicing lowercase letter writing, sight words, sentence building, poems, reading, and grammar

April 2: Welcome back from Spring Break!

April 11: Kindergarten field trip to Durango Montessori

April 20: Celebrating Earth Day! Clean-up at Fassbinder Park.

Saturday, May 12: Annual Spring Workday (students, parents, & teachers) (Rain date: Sunday, May 13)

Wednesday, May 16: Annual Spring Sing Performance (Rain date: Thursday, May 17)

May 23: Annual End of Year Picnic in the backyard @ Children's House

FYIs and Upcoming Events:

We will be celebrating **Earth Day** on **Friday, April 20** with some special activities and a clean-up at Fassbinder Park. If the weather is bad, we will reschedule for Monday, April 23.

On the morning of **Wednesday, April 11**, the **Kindergarteners** will be going on a field trip to Durango Montessori. We will be walking from Children's House so please arrive on time and send your child in appropriate clothing.

The annual **Spring Workday** is on **Saturday, May 12**: beginning **at 9:00 a.m.** (rain date is Sunday, May 13). Please note: This date has been changed from the original date of May 5. Please edit your school calendars!

Spring Sing will be on **Wednesday, May 16** beginning **at 6:00 p.m.** Children need to arrive by 5:45. (Rain date is Thurs, May 17).

Our Annual **End of the Year Picnic** will be held on **Wednesday, May 23** between **11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** All parents and students are welcome to join us for lunch and to celebrate the end of a great school year! Children's House will provide the food, but there will be a sign-up sheet posted in the kitchen for cookies.

A friendly reminder: We will be spending more and more time outdoors as the weather continues to warm up. Please remember to protect your children's skin by applying **sunscreen** to their faces and arms and/or sending them to school with a **hat** and long sleeves if desired.

FYIs and Upcoming Events Cont...:

Our annual **Parent-Child-Teacher Spring Workday** scheduled for **Saturday, May 12** (rain date is Sunday, May 13). We hope you will all set aside some time that day to help us spruce up our school. We will be starting at 9:00 a.m. and going until the work is done (usually around noon, but sometimes later if you are available). We plan to repair and add playground equipment, paint/stain, plant flowers in the beds, scrub chairs, and various other tasks. There will be projects for all abilities. We like the children to take pride in their school, maintain it, and share that with their family. We appreciate the work the parents, children, and teachers do every year and it helps tremendously. A sign-up for various projects will be on the bulletin board later this month, so plan on bringing tools and kids for all or part of that Saturday. Thank you!

Our annual **Spring Sing** performance will be held on **Wednesday, May 16 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** (Rain date is Thursday, May 17). This is a special evening for parents, family and friends! The children will be performing songs and showing-off their artwork, which will be on display throughout the school. This year our spring sing theme is "Unity." We welcome all family members to join us for this special event. *Please bring an appetizer to share after the performance (finger foods are great).* Mark the date on your calendars!

During the Art Show following the Spring Sing performance, your children's art work will be displayed in their homeroom. Families will have the opportunity to "buy" your child's art as a fundraiser for the school. Last year, we used the money that we raised from the art show to buy more books and supplies for the school and new chairs for the classrooms. Any donation is greatly appreciated, but if you do not "buy" your child's artwork, don't worry, you will still get to take it home! They have been working hard on their masterpieces and we can't wait to show them off!