



GMS Gazette

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A child who is free to act, not only seeks to gather sensible impressions from their environment but they also show a love for exactitude in the carrying out of their actions. Their spirit then seems to be suspended between existence and self-realization. A child is a discoverer. They are an amorphous, splendid being in search of their own proper form.

Paraphrased from Maria Montessori, "The Secret of Childhood"



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 22nd - Noon dismissal (last day of school)

Friday, May 31st - Deadline for current GMS families to register for Fall 2024 semester

June 3rd through June 28th - GMS Summer Program

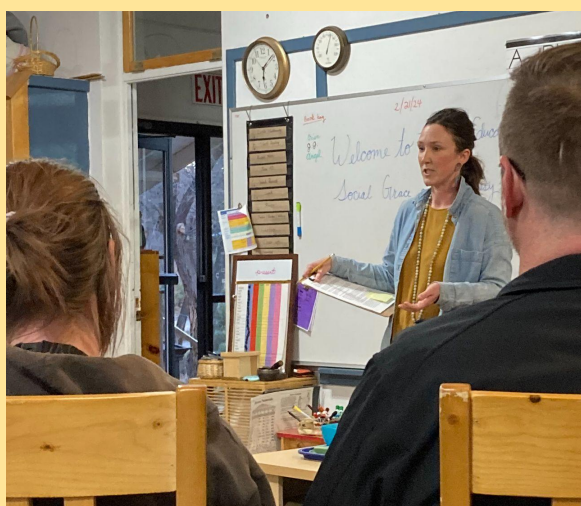
Friday, August 9th - Family/Student Orientation

Monday, August 12th - First day of Fall 2024 Semester

As the school year comes to and end, we are filled with so much gratitude for all the families, friends and children that make up the GMS community. There is nothing more rewarding than supporting each child's educational journey and celebrating the successes and achievements as well as the development of independence that is unique to each Montessori learning environment. A huge congratulations to all the students for a successful year of joyful learning! Wishing you all a very happy, safe and adventure filled summer!

Many thanks,
Heidi Pendleton, School Director





It's been a busy semester! Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Education Night, presented by Erin Fitzgerald. The Elementary students gave presentations in their chosen characters at Famous Persons Day, developing the life long skill of public speaking in front of a large audience. GMS celebrated CDT Trail Day/Earth Day at Gough Park this year. Thank you to Primary students for leading the craft activity and all enrichment students who made beautiful solar system bracelets with Miss Kaya. They were a big hit!



With the support of families, children had the chance to express their creative and scientific minds at the second annual GMS STEAM Fair! Congratulations to all students (and families) for all the research and effort put into projects this year. The Elementary class went camping in the Black Range. It was windy, but they all had a great time and learned how to anchor down tents securely and stay warm in variable weather conditions. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who made this possible. GMS couldn't have done it without you!





Thank you to all who supported our school at Give Grandly as well as the GMS students for singing! We wrapped up the school year with a beautiful Spring Program led in song by Izzy and Elementary performance directed by Maria. GMS says farewell to three students who will move on to middle school; we will miss them!

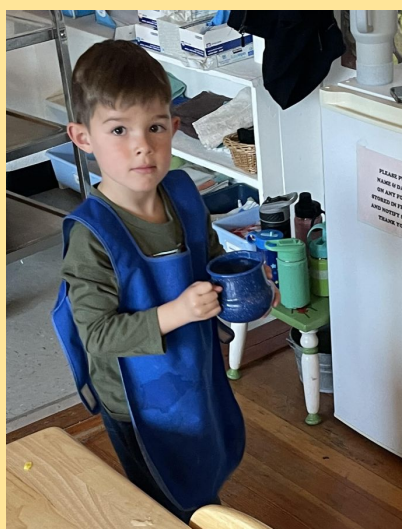




Buttercup Toddler Class

The Buttercups have been super busy this semester. They have enjoyed learning how to make orange juice and bake bread! They've learned how to wash dishes and set the table too! The children have done so much this year and it's bittersweet to see the year coming to an end. It's been a grand adventure and we hope they keep making wonderful memories throughout the summer!





Agave Primary Class

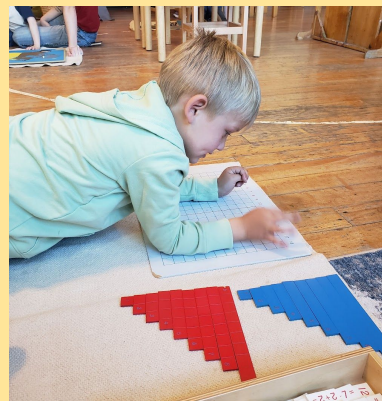
The Agave class has been working hard, individually as well as collaboratively, exploring the many social and educational connections in the classroom. Puzzle maps and classification booklets have been especially popular, and the children have really appreciated art with Ms. Shelly as well as their time crafting in the garden.





Sunflower Primary Class

As the seasons have changed from Winter to Spring, our classroom has continued to change and grow with it. We have been busy sprouting seeds, hatching chicken eggs, and expanding our practical life in ways that help keep us and our immune system healthy, with orange juicing work! The grace and courtesy of Montessori has shown through as children have taken their newfound skills of bow tying and begun offering to help others tie their snack aprons and shoes throughout the day. Students have been drawn to tracing, naming, and labeling maps as well as extended bead chain counting, and making booklets that support literacy development. We enjoyed singing and reciting a nature themed poem in the end of year celebration last week! *Thank you for being a part of another joyful year in the Sunflower class!*





Ponderosa Elementary Class

The Elementary classroom has been pulsating with the activities over the last couple of months. Parents, good job! You/they did it! Some of the thrilling events of the semester included the STEAM fair, camping trip, senior trip, the UGWA's Children's Water Festival and the End of Year Performance with singing, acting and presenting by all. Children presented their poetry regularly with the support of Shelly; it's been beautiful to see how they have developed their creative writing skills. Upper Elementary learned algebra, geometry and chess with Jesse. Joshua helped several of the students publish spooky stories in a book! Izzy spent time leading the students in singing and taught alongside Robin in the garden. Rebekah kept all the balls in the air and made sure everything ran smoothly. Kids read book after book each morning in silent reading, learned to write paragraphs and began to learn how to structure a research paper about wolves that we wrote together as a class. Children set an intention each day for their work period and included a virtue (ex. "animal research, caring"). We went wild with Rocket Math, drilling ourselves with math facts. It was a good year! Good work elementary students! We will miss you Jacob, Zeke and Theo as you set off to Aldo. Happy summer!

