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Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting your child as they participated in International Children's Day! It was a so much fun!

As COVID -19 continues, it has helped us realize that less is more. We missed the pumpkin patch field trip this year, but see that the children are still thriving and full of inquisitiveness even without that extra event. They amaze us every day with their resilience to the change around them!

~ MVM Staff

Reminders:

- * Please drop your child off between 8:45 – 9:00am.
- * Read all information sent home.
- * No Peanuts allowed at MVM.
- * Make sure all outerwear has your child's name on it.

Thank you,
MVM Staff

Montessori Spotlight – Practical Life

The Practical Life area of the classroom is designed to help children gain control and develop independence for themselves.

Practical Life covers Control of Body, Care of Environment, Care of Self, and Grace & Courtesy as listed below.

These lessons also begin the process for a child to focus and concentrate, which will benefit them when they begin the more academic work.



Montessori Practical Life Checklist

provided by **SUGAR - SPICE & GLITTER**



Preliminary Exercises

- walking around the mat
- standing quietly
- sitting down and getting up from the floor
- sitting down and getting up from a chair
- carrying a chair
- carrying a table
- carrying trays or boxes
- carrying a bucket
- carrying a jug (fill and empty it)
- opening and closing drawers
- opening and closing a door

Primary Lessons

- removing & matching lids on boxes/bottles
- using tongs
- water transfer (baster to eye-dropper)
- locks and keys
- pouring water #1 - jug to jug
- pouring water #2 - jug to glass
- pouring water #3 - jug to glasses
- pouring water #4 - jug to glasses at various levels
- pouring water #5 - jug to tea cup and saucer
- spooning
- whisking
- nuts and bolts
- using a screwdriver
- washing hand at a tap
- squeezing a sponge
- wringing a cloth
- pouring rice
- carrying, rolling, and unrolling mats
- folding cloths
- paper punch
- pin poking
- tweezers

Care of the Environment

- sweeping
- brushing mats
- dusting
- sponging up spills
- polishing glass
- polishing wood
- polishing metal
- washing a table
- washing linen
- Sewing a button
- folding clothes
- care of plants
- flower arranging
- lighting a match
- cutting snippets
- cutting lined paper
- cutting newspaper
- pasting
- making a braid

Care of the Self

- washing hands and nails
- brushing clothes
- hanging clothes on a hanger
- cleaning shoes
- large button dressing frame
- small button dressing frame
- snap dressing frame
- zipper dressing frame
- hooks and eyes dressing frame
- bow dressing frame
- buckle dressing frame
- safety pin dressing frame
- shoe lacing dressing frame
- buttons with hook
- blowing nose
- cutting
- spreading
- peeling (carrots, etc)
- juicing

Grace & Courtesy

- making way for someone to pass
- interrupting someone
- sneezing, yawning, coughing
- walking on the line
- The Silence Game
- greeting and introducing
- offering to a guest
- giving and receiving compliments
- interrupting someone
- sneezing, yawning, coughing



Mountain View Support



Scholastic Reading Club

MVM is inviting you to join the Scholastic Reading Club! Early literacy begins with a love of books. What better way to develop your child's early literacy skills than a new book? Our school earns Bonus Points each time books are ordered. The Bonus Points help us obtain free books and classroom materials for your child's learning environment. Remember to check your parent mailbox for order forms that go out every month. Order online using the code on the back of the form (LGGYF)!

Birthday Celebrations



October Birthdays

Madison – 3rd

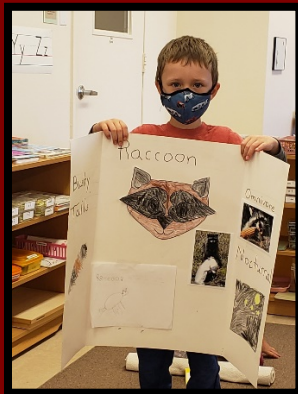
Olivia – 6th

November Birthdays

Henry – 5th

Desert Willow

Ms. Wendy & Ms. Thari



The children have been happy and eager to receive new lessons. A reading and handwriting explosion is happening with our kindergartens! Our preschool children are becoming independent learners and up for new challenges. They are moving at warp speed! With all that is going on around us they love being in school.

Thank you for doing your part at home to help keep us all healthy and safe as we continue to keep our school a safe haven for your children. We are looking forward to our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences in November. Unfortunately, they will need to be by phone. We will miss seeing all of you.

Units of study for October:

Cultural: Of course, we learned about hot air balloons and their parts, along with fun art projects. We were introduced to our continent, North America and what countries make up the lands and their environments. The excitement is in the air with Children's International Day approaching. Continued practice of dances and songs along with fun activities and food tasting! We have discussed how we are the same and different and how children around the world live.

Botany: We studied parts of a leaf and the process of how leaves change their color. The magic word was "*chlorophyll*". We also learned about the parts of a pumpkin, dissecting one and baking the seeds. Congratulations to Ethan for guessing our pumpkin had 300 seeds! He was the closest to the 305 seeds retrieved.

Science: We are studying the skeleton and learned the number of bones we have in our bodies (206) and enjoyed fun activities that helped us learn the names of some of our bones.

Zoology: With continued studies of mammals and the wonderful presentations from our kindergartens, we had a fun time with this unit of study.

Unit of Studies for November:

Cultural: This month we will focus on the First Thanksgiving, how and why it came about, Native American tribes in our state, and what we are thankful for. We will put emphasis on New Mexico, our state Albuquerque our city and the beautiful diverse environment in which we live.

Botany: We will continue studying leaves and their discrimination of forms (similarities and differences) of each leaf working with the Botany Cabinet.

Science: Brings us to the study of our inner body and their functions. We will be introduced to the structure of the layers of the Earth and the four major components, along with the rock formation processes. We will be making Sedimentary Rock and creating coquina rock.

Zoology: We will be learning the parts of a feather and the classification of a bird.

It is hard to believe the holidays will soon be upon us. Please stay healthy and safe.

Always here for you,

Ms. Wendy and Ms. Thari

Juniper

Ms. Donna & Ms. Sujani



Dear Parents,
It's officially Fall! We are not ready for the colder weather, but the kids sure seem excited about it. Please make sure your child has a jacket every day.

We are really pleased with the progress the children have made. Everyone is working so hard! We hope you are enjoying the projects and work that is being sent home each week. Be sure to go through every piece sent home, as this will give you an insight into what we are working on. I received a lot of positive feedback from the families, that completed the "farm challenge". I believe it is important that learning is fun and when the children can include their family that just makes it all the better.

Botany: There is a fungus among us! We completed our units on apples and pumpkins so next up is the mushroom. We will learn the parts of a mushroom, different kinds of mushrooms and how they grow.

Cultural: In November we will discuss the first Thanksgiving and how the Native American tribes helped the first English settlers survive their new environment. We will also learn about Native American tribes that live closer to us.

Geography: For Geography we will be looking closer to home. Where in the world do we live? North America, United States, New Mexico, and Albuquerque. We will do our best to make sense of it all.

Zoology: This season we will begin our study on how animals prepare for winter. In class we will focus on the squirrel. Our wonderful mentors will research an animal of their choice and let us know how that animal will survive the winter.

Science: I'm not sure how we can top hatching chicks, but we do have some science experiments planned that the kids should enjoy. We will get "glowing" with pumpkins and Jell-o. As always I cannot promise that your child will return to you as clean as when you dropped them off but the good news is that with these experiments you should be able to spot them in the dark!

Language and Math:

Each child is on an individualized language and math plan. We will discuss this further with you during parent/teacher conferences.

We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you on November 23rd. I wish this were in person, but phone calls will have to do. Thank you for all you do. In this crazy time, we feel so lucky for the opportunity to teach and learn with your amazing children.

-Ms. Donna and Ms. Sujani

Pinon Pine

Ms. Susan & Ms. Tami



2-4

Dear Families,

It has been a lovely fall here at MVM! In October, the class really enjoyed discovering the world around them by learning about the balloon fiesta, farm animals, and taste testing apples!

The Seasons will be the next Unit of Study in November which will include:

Zoology: Our focus in zoology this month will be on birds. Examining the parts of a bird, what do birds need to survive in the winter? We will also discover the turkey, roadrunner, and our local small, songbirds.

Botany: The children will continue working with fall leaves and explore the life cycle of a leaf. With this will come the topic of a tree, who lives in a tree and what do they do in fall & winter?

Cultural:

Weather - what clothing do we need for each season. How did the change of seasons bring about Thanksgiving?

Science: the class will begin investigating colors and what happens when two colors are mixed together? We will use various types of materials to keep the exploration fun and interesting!

Language and math:

For Language, the class will be reading books about birds, the four seasons, thanksgiving, feelings, and colors. We will begin using the I Spy game to build vocabulary and letter to sound recognition. We will also work on verbal prepositions (such as on, under, next to, and behind). Included in language is listening to directions, how many steps can they follow, and beginning rhyming.

In Math, the children will build patterns, counting to 5 (or higher) with 1 to 1 correspondence, and making comparisons (short/tall, high, low, bigger/smaller) to build mathematical vocabulary.

Social/Emotional skills:

The class will be working on feelings and what to do when we are angry or sad. Along with feelings, we will begin developing some important friendship skills.

Ms. Rebeca is retiring at the end of December; we will miss her greatly! The MVM administration has decided to make a few changes internally to make this transition as smooth as possible for the children. Ms. Tami has asked to go back to her assistant roll, so Ms. Susan has moved into that lead position until the right Montessori trained teacher comes along.

Ms. Susan holds a Montessori Credential and has worked with 2-6-year-old children in a Montessori classroom for 5 years prior to coming to MVM as an administrator. Ms. Susan is enjoying working with this wonderful group of children!

We are excited to get started on the Holiday season!

Thank you for sharing your little ones with us,
Ms. Susan & Ms. Tami

Maplewood

3-5 – Ms. Renee & Ms. Rosalba

3-5 Class

It is hard to believe that October is over, and November is here. Time is flying by so quickly and the children continue to grow and thrive in the environment. October was filled with fun works and activities and November is always a fun time of the year!

October is a great time to learn about the changing of seasons. We discussed the seasons and learned a new season song. In Botany we learned about the parts of the leaf and talked about the different types of leaves and why they change colors and fall from the trees. The children enjoyed gathering leaves, investigating them, and then discussing the differences between them. Our study on leaves will continue in November.

In Science we elaborated on the human body and talked about our skeleton. We discovered that we have 206 bones in our bodies and that the majority of them are in our hands and feet. During this study we were able to talk about how important it is to eat well and take care of ourselves so that we have strong bones. They loved singing the “Dem Bones” song and painting their skeleton hands. This month we will be learning about magnets, how they work and what is magnetic and non/magnetic. This is always a fun subject that the children enjoy, and we are looking forward to this unit of study.

In our Cultural and Geography units we reviewed the continents and the oceans. We introduced the continent of North America and the countries represented and discussed where we lived on the map. We also started the month off by learning popular children’s songs from around the world. Some of favorites were “Kookaburra” from the Continent of Australia, “Frei Jacques” from the Country of France, “Hello to All the Children of the World”, as well as the ocean and continent songs that we sing during our morning circle. The children enjoyed learning about some of the different traditions and clothing that children wear around the world. We ended the month by celebrating International Children’s Day and sang the songs that we learned throughout the month. They especially enjoyed eating Belgian Waffles topped with strawberries, blueberries, bananas and of course, a little bit of whip cream and chocolate syrup. They were absolutely delicious! The children had fun seeing each other’s costumes and showing off their own. It was a fun filled celebration!

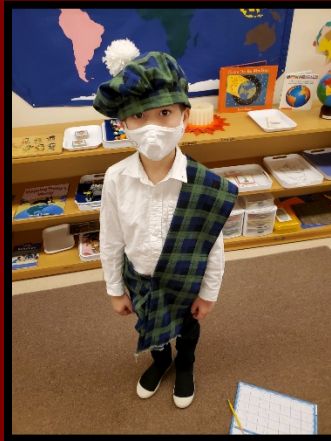
This month in Zoology we will be learning about birds, the parts of a bird as well as the parts of a feather. We cannot wait to talk about the turkey and hear the children’s explanations on how to prepare a turkey for the great Thanksgiving feast!

We look forward to touching base with everyone this month and discussing how incredible your children are!

Thank you, Ms. Renee and Ms. Rosalba



MVM International Children's Day





11/23 – Parent/ Teacher Phone Conferences

11/24 - Staff in-service day – No School.

11/23– 11/29 – Thanksgiving Break – No School.

11/30 – School Resumes.



12/18/19 – School holiday concert cancelled – Pajama/movie day.
No Aftercare – School closes at 3:15pm

12/21/19 – Winter Break – School Resumes on Tuesday, January 5th.

Joy, feeling one's own value, being appreciated, and loved by others, feeling useful and capable of production are all factors of enormous value for the human soul.

~ Maria Montessori

Office News

Ms. Susan

Happy Fall!

International Children's Day was a huge success! Thank you to the families, children and staff that made it possible! The traditional clothing was fabulous! The songs were amazing and warmed my heart. I loved that the older children got to taste their way around the world, while the little ones enjoyed Belgian Waffles and fruit. These little ones are truly the best!

This November we have some important events happening for parents.

- ❖ **Student Presentations are cancelled.**
 - ❖ **Parent/ Teacher Conferences will be held on November 23rd by phone.**
 - ❖ **November 24th will be a Staff In-service day – No School**
 - ❖ **Thanksgiving break will be 11/25th – 11/29th - No School**
- Please remember that if you are traveling out of state or having visitors from another state there will be a mandatory two-week quarantine and a negative COVID test prior to your child returning to school**

It is with a heavy heart that we are announcing Ms. Rebeca's retirement from MVM. She will be with us through the end of December and will come back to sub for us in the Spring. We are truly grateful for her hard work and dedication to MVM! I have stepped into the lead role for the 2-4 classroom and will become the aftercare lead teacher once Rebeca retires. I have enjoyed being back in the classroom.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Susan

FALL FUN PHOTOS

