

MVM Newsletter

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Reminders:



Building

Hours:

7:30am-6:00pm

Procare App

Parents can now sign in/out their child using the Procare App.

Additional features is having an online payment portal and messaging directly to your child's teacher.

Back to School Night

Join us on Wednesday, October 25th from 6-7pm to meet your child's teacher, see the classrooms and get to know the exciting learning opportunities planned for the year!

Office News

We welcome you back to another school year at MVM! It has been wonderful to see the students settling into their new and returning classrooms.

In the month of September, we acknowledged Childhood Cancer Awareness by wearing gold and supporting research with donations. We are looking forward to making Sept. 29th a special day for us in the following year to come.



MVM Staff supporting childhood cancer awareness on Sept. 29!

We thoroughly enjoyed seeing student timelines in our classrooms and hallway. Thank you for sharing your photos with us!

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT MONTH

OCTOBER

Important Dates to Remember:

- Fall Break 5th-6th
- Galloping Goat Pumpkin Patch Field Trip 13th
- Back to School Night 25th
- International Children's Day/ In-House Event 27th

NOVEMBER

Important Dates to Remember:

- Veteran's Day 10th/ No School
- 3-6 Student Presentations 16th-17th
- 2-4 Observations 16th-17th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences 20th-21st / No School
- Thanksgiving Break 22nd-24th/ No School

DECEMBER

Important Dates to Remember:

- Winter Break 18th-22nd
25th-29th

PINON PINE CLASSROOM

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CLASSROOM NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023

MS. TAMMY & MS. MICHELLE

Highlight: We would like to welcome our new students Archie, Amias, Marcel and Benjamin to our classroom. We are glad you're here!



Ms. Tammy cutting apples.

Welcome Back! Our first month of school was very successful. The children did a great job learning the classroom routine and rules.



Gavriel and Marcel painting.

In **September**, the focus was on feelings. We talked about emotions and how it is okay to feel sad or mad. We learned about how we can regroup ourselves when we feel these emotions. In **Zoology**, we learned about the parts of a horse and had a chance to make our very own horses out of construction paper.

In **Science**, we studied Living and Non-Living things. We talked about how living things are alive and breathing and non-living things are not. We also learned how to care for animals and what they need to survive (water, food, shelter and love).

In **Botany**, we celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday with an apple tasting. The children got to taste 4 different kinds of apples. It was an enjoyable activity for all.

In **October**, we will learn about parts of a leaf, explore the season of fall and discuss why leaves change colors. We will also be making a hot air balloon for art.

"THE GREATNESS OF THE HUMAN PERSONALITY BEGINS AT THE HOUR OF BIRTH." MARIA MONTESSORI



Violet G. working with the continent map.

JUNIPER CLASSROOM

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MS. RENEE AND MS. DINA

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Maxfield helping a younger friend (Anthony) with the horse puzzle.

Wow.. Time is flying by, and Fall is already here! Our class is off to a great start and the children are settling into the environment. We have been reintroducing works, giving new lessons and getting everyone into a good routine.

Our year started off with learning about our inside and outside rules. We discussed why they are important. They help us to have a calm and peaceful environment and keep everyone safe. We have also been talking about our emotions and how we all feel them. We discussed some healthy ways to express them. The children have been learning to take deep breaths and know that it's good to talk about how we are feeling to help calm down.

In our **Zoology** unit, we have learned about the differences between living and non-living things, plants and animals and vertebrate and in-vertebrate animals. We also studied mammals and learned about things that classify an animal as a mammal. We specifically focused on the horse. The children enjoyed learning about the different parts of the horse and making horses for art.



Sunny practicing her alphabet tracing.

In **Geography**, we used the Montessori globe and Continent map to learn about the 5 Oceans and 7 Continents of the world. The children enjoyed singing the "Oceans of the World" and "The Continent" songs. They have been a fun way to help us learn and review. We also explored what a compass was and learned our directions (North, East, South and West). We had fun playing a game in circle pretending to be compasses and figuring out what direction the children were going. We have also enjoyed learning the difference between land, air and water using some of the works in our classroom. Moving forward we will be learning about North America.

"IF TEACHING IS TO BE EFFECTIVE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, IT MUST ASSIST THEM TO ADVANCE ON THE WAY TO INDEPENDENCE".

~ MARIA MONTESSORI

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Alexander working with the knobbed cylinders 1-3.

In the month of **September**, we started our unit on "All about me." We discussed how we are all different and unique and how we are all similar. The children enjoyed sharing their timelines with the class and talking about themselves. They even had a chance to draw their own self-portraits. We will continue to study this unit through **October** with our focus on immediate and extended families.

In our **Cultural** unit, we will be learning about children from around the world. We will be discussing different customs, the traditional clothing that is worn and the delicious foods, that we enjoy eating, that originated in different parts of the world. We will also be learning songs in preparation for our International Children's Day celebration.

To embrace the fall season, we have been learning all about harvest, with a focus on apples. The children enjoyed learning about the parts of an apple and exploring our sense of taste with apple tasting. We also talked about Johnny Appleseed and celebrated his birthday.

Moving forward we will be learning about leaves in our **Botany** unit. Our topics of discussion will be why leaves change color and why they fall off the trees. We will learn about the parts of a leaf and do some fun fall art projects. It is also a fun time for us to learn about pumpkins and the fall holidays that are coming up.



Mariana coloring her 5 senses worksheet.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FUN
FILLED FALL AND WORKING
TOGETHER WITH YOU ON YOUR
CHILD'S CONTINUED GROWTH.

DESERT WILLOW CLASSROOM

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MS. WENDY AND MS. ROSALBA

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The children seemed happy to be back to school reuniting with old friends and making new ones. In the month of **August**, we re-visited old works before moving on with new ones.



Olivia and Piper working with free choice works.

Unit Studies:

Botany: We learned about seeds, what the difference is between a fruit and a vegetable, parts of a root and what plants need to grow. We will also discuss the parts of an apple and a pumpkin. In **October**, we will study the parts of a leaf and learn why leaves change color. The word *Chlorophyll* will be introduced, along with color mixing experiments.



Harper working with the continent map of Africa.

Geography: We reviewed the globe of land and water. With the sandpaper globe the children get a sensorial impression of rough and smooth. The sand surface represents land, and the blue surface represents water. We also worked with the continent globe, which represents our continents by colors. This globe is colored coded to match our continent map. We have learned two songs naming the five oceans and the seven continents. In **October**, we will focus on children from around the world and learn about their traditions in preparation of International Children's Day.

Highlight: Everyone is participating during group discussions. We are counting to the 100th day of school, and all our students are actively working in the Math and Language areas of the classroom. Our kindergarten children are on contracts and their 1st 8-week homework packets was sent home. What an amazing start to our school year!

THANK YOU! TO ALL OUR PARENTS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILDREN CREATE SUCH WONDERFUL TIMELINES. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WORK OF ART YOUR CHILDREN ARE!

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UNIT STUDIES

Zoology: We have covered the classifications of living/non-living, plant/animal, and vertebrate/invertebrate. We will be discussing the parts of the horse, and what animal kingdom the horse is classified in and why. This unit will continue into **October** learning about elephants and giraffes.

Science: Our study on all about me has been a fun one for the children. We have talked about how we are the same and how we are different. We included handicapped children and children from all over the world. During this unit we introduced feelings and our 5 senses. Our last sense to explore was taste. We did a tasting exercise and used several kinds of apples to inform our taste buds of sweet, sour, salty (pretzels) or bitter. Johnny Appleseed and other activities/books accompanied this study.

We discussed the parts of our body and the functions of some of our inner organs. This year we incorporated Childhood Cancer Awareness month into our studies. The children learned the 4 components of blood and their functions through a science experiment. **October** studies will cover the name of our bones, how many bones we have and skeleton works.



Dylan working on his subtraction with objects.



Nyla working with the pre-select box a.



Johan working on his number tracing.

Scholastic Book Club

Birthdays



Pinon Pine

Violet M. 10/4

Kai Mackara 10/13

Gavriel 10/23

Juniper

Adalena 9/13

Desert Willow

Ava K. 9/26

Elise 10/1

Olivia 10/6

Dylan 10/27



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