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MVM Newsletter

March, April, and May 2020

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing MVM! We appreciate the outpouring of support we have received during this pandemic! MVM is truly a family!

We are hoping to re-open for our summer program on June 1st. It is not too late to sign up for our Summer African Safari!

Our staff will be in the school the last week of May disinfecting, scrubbing, and sanitizing every surface we can find to make sure our children, families, and staff will continue to be safe and healthy!

Reminder:

- **Enjoy being with your child.**
 - **Play games**
 - **Get outside**
 - **Read books**
 - **Laugh**
 - **Cook**
- **Give your child free time to create, invent, explore, discover and just play!**
~ MVM Staff

CULTURE



“The [Montessori methodology](#) is divided into three core subject areas: Language, Math, and Cultural. The Cultural curriculum refers to an integrated study that includes History, Biology, Geography, and Physical Science, as well as the Arts.

Cultural Lessons

Giving students the Cultural lessons and skills needed to make discoveries about our world is responsive to their developmental curiosity and aided by their absorbent minds. By introducing lessons about the intricacies of our world early in their education, students are exposed to concepts like political geography, Earth science, and engineering, and are able to speak to these concepts at a young age.

Students also begin to realize, at a young age, how interconnected these subjects are. In a Montessori classroom, students experience new ideas through hands-on learning and by using Montessori materials. These materials are designed for each developmental level and become more complex as the grades progress, so that a student revisits a concept many times, but through materials and lessons most appropriate to their current cognitive ability. This process, known as scaffolding, is a form of social learning where students are provided with the necessary support and guidance to progress from one level to the next.”

By:

<https://medium.com/@KingsleyMontessori/cultural-learning-in-montessori-classrooms-4b328491cfac>

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)!

Box Tops for Education

Thank you to everyone that has donated Box Top Labels. We have transitioned to using the Box Top app. Instead of the paper tops that you can clip. Please download the app, put in our school, and scan every receipt barcode you receive. We appreciate any support you can give to the school.

Birthday Celebrations



March Birthdays

Stella - 3/20

Estes - 3/15

Weldon - 3/10

Konrad - 3/25

Kabree - 3/17

Ilina - 3/29

April Birthdays

Jack - 4/29

May Birthdays

Lucas 5/2

Shwan 5/3

Amberlee 5/31

Julia Hung 5/11

Jay 5/3

Blake 5/4

Desert Willow

Ms. Wendy & Ms. Thari

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Cultural: Our person of the month was Theodor Seuss Geisel an American children's author. He is known for his work writing and illustration books under the pen name of Dr. Seuss. On March 2nd we celebrated his birthday. Our children brought in books to read and some donated books to our classroom. The older children wrote what their favorite book was and others colored pictures. We discussed Dr. Seuss's life and how some of his books were made into movies. During circle time we made up silly rhyming sentences. Our unit for the rest of the school year was the continent of Europe. We would have started with the country of France.

Zoology: And then came the dinosaurs! Our friend Simon was my assistant during these lessons. If I missed pronounce a name Simon would correct me. He taught us the song I am a Paleontologist and the Dinosaur song. We learned the words carnivore, herbivore, and omnivore. We classified not only dinosaurs, but other animals including ourselves. April would have been the parts of the European Badger.

Science: What happens when you mix an acid (vinegar) with a base (baking soda)? You get a reaction! The children were able to get outside and create volcanoes in groups and watch them erupt. We also had a dinosaur egg dig. So much fun to break open the egg and find a dinosaur inside. We had just started our unit of weather. We were able to talk about how rain is made, rainbows after it rains and some cloud formations, Cumulus, Cirrus, and Straits.

Botany: We finished our unit on parts of a tree. We discussed what trees give us and the importance of having trees in our lives. We didn't get to start on parts of a flower.

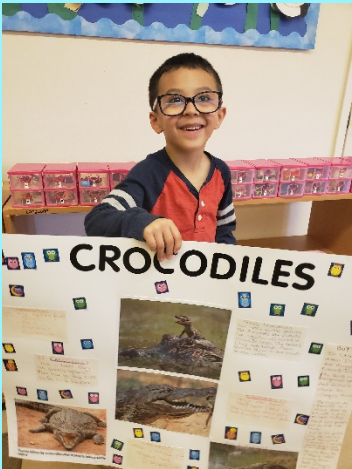
We will continue to give suggestions by way of (My kidz Day app.) Heads up, April is National Poetry Month. So, look for poems to read and/or recite. You will also be asked to make up your own poems, write, illustrate and share them. They could be rhyming, haiku, or just plain silly. See how many poems you collect during this month. Have fun with this assignment.

Ms. Thari and I want to thank you for your patience during this critical time as we charter the following days, weeks, and months to see how this all falls back into place. Our love and thoughts are with all our families.

Please stay well and safe,
Ms. Wendy & Ms. Thari

Juniper

Ms. Donna & Ms. Sujani



Although this year has come to an abrupt halt, we would like to say that we are so proud of our class and all they have accomplished this school year. The children have shown tremendous academic growth and we've shared many laughs along the way. We are disappointed that we were unable to finish up the school year as planned but know in our hearts that it was the right choice.

In March, our continent study was all about Europe. Our new castle was a big hit! In zoology we had started talking about dinosaurs. Unfortunately, with our time cut short we were unable to get to all that we had planned.

But speaking of plans.... We have been busy working on our summer program! We cannot wait to show the kids all the new materials that have been made for our African summer. There will be crafts, games, cooking, music, lots of learning fun and maybe even a few science experiments!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for your understanding, your generosity, your cooperation, but more than anything thank-you for sharing your amazing children with us. We are truly blessed to have been a part of your team.

Finally, we would like to wish all the children who are leaving us the very best on their next journey. We know that they have had a great start here at Mountain View Montessori and that they will go on to achieve great things in the future. Please keep in touch.

To all our returning students we look forward to seeing and can't wait to be together again!

Stay healthy and safe,

Ms. Sujani and Ms. Donna

Pinon Pine

Ms. Renee, Ms. Tami & Ms. Sam



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We find ourselves in April and homebound. It's not what we expected to be doing as the weather is getting warmer and the seasons change. All the children are greatly missed, and we can't wait to get back to school in June.

Ms. Tami and I have been going into the school to feed the fish, water the plants and preparing the garden. It's not the same without the children there.

In March, we started our unit on bugs and insects. This is always a fun subject to learn about. We couldn't do much, but the children were excited about all the new materials that we put out. I am planning on leaving out a lot of the materials so that we could pick up where we left off. Hopefully, you were able to use some of the resources on ladybugs I sent out on the kids app.

In Botany, we were reviewing the parts of the tree and learning about plants and getting ready to learn about the flower. This is the time of the year we would have started seeding and getting the garden ready for planting. I will be seeding at home this year and will be planting cucumbers, sweet peppers and sweet peas among other veggies. I will transfer them to the garden so that the children will be able to tend to them upon their return. Our peach tree is looking healthy and continues to grow. Hopefully we will have some peaches this year!

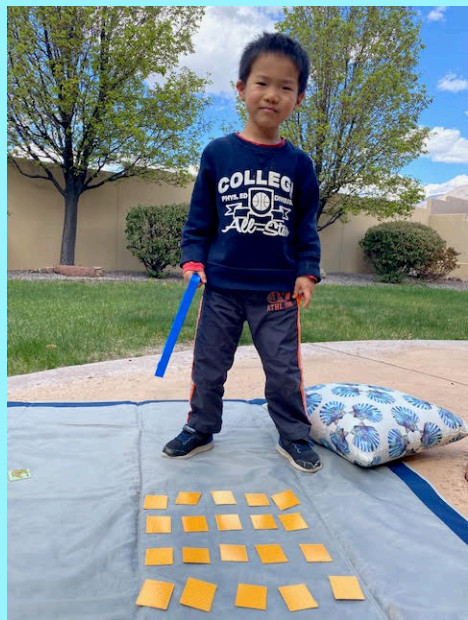
We are remaining positive and optimistic as we plan for the summer program. The unit of study will be on Africa. We will be taking the children on an African safari learning about all the amazing animals found in the different regions as well as Africa's amazing culture.

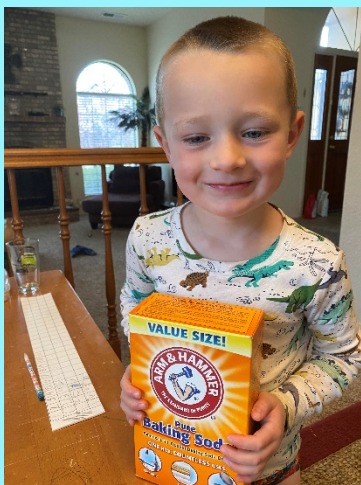
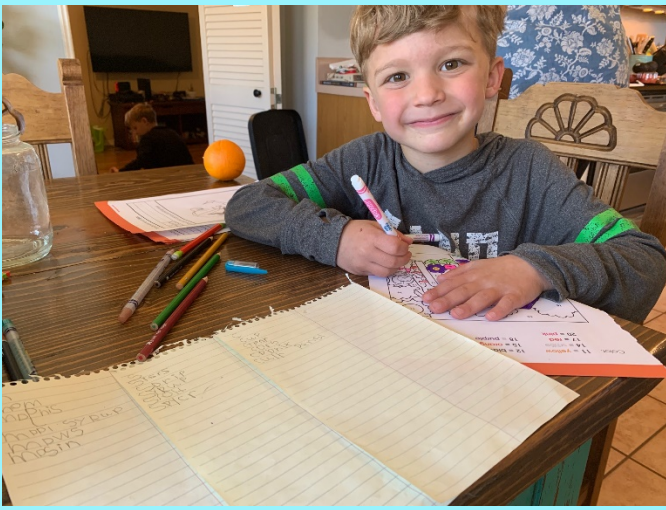
Again, we would like to emphasize how much the children are truly missed and how excited we are to get back to school and to our normal routines. Our best wishes of health and safety go out to all of you. June can't get here soon enough!

Ms. Renee, Ms. Tami and Ms. Sam

Home Fun!













MVM Special Events- Dentist Visit, Science Days, Friendship and Dr. Seuss Fun



Office News

Ms. Susan

Dear families,

Thank you for helping with a smooth enrollment season. I realize we had a lot of changes in the process, I appreciate your ability to adjust and complete the forms. I'm so happy to announce that we will have many returning families in the fall!

The Summer program is shaping up to be an exciting adventure into discovering Africa! I look forward to seeing the children engaged and excited to share their knowledge with us!

Have a Great Spring, Ms. Susan

Important Upcoming Events:

- Ongoing Fall Registration – Early Bird discount of \$269.69 you may mail in your check and fill out the enrollment form online.
- Summer program start date is June 1st, 2020. (Provided stay at home order is lifted)
- Susan will be in the office once every 2 weeks. You may pick up your child's extra clothes, sunscreen, medication etc...
April 22nd is the next in the office date.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER MS. WENDY

Dear MVM Families,

During this time of uncertainty, we hope you find time enjoy your loved ones. As we live this new norm of day to day, please know we are in this together and will be here for you and your child/children when we get through this pandemic.

As we come to the premature close of the school year, we want to continue to share some thoughts with you. Your Montessori children are in a good place academically. They will retain what lessons they were taught even if it doesn't seem like that to you now. This special way of learning; auditory, tactile, visual and kinetic benefits their learning ability, almost like a 6th sense. When they are back in a classroom environment the knowledge they have gained will surface.

Hopefully moving forward, we are busy working on the continent of Africa for our Summer Program. For those children returning and/or for the next school year they will be able to continue their works where they left off and keep learning. The kindergarten children are advanced from the public schools first grade classes and have a good foundation to grow and learn. We are confident your children will succeed.

Instead of saying goodbye and not having a Graduation celebration, MVM staff are brainstorming an end of the school year get together for all of us to have some closure. More information will go out as we reach the middle of May! We miss everyone!

All the best,
Ms. Wendy

We appreciate your dedication to your children and our school!
Thank you for being a part of the MVM family and making this school a success!