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Free the child's potential, and
you will transform him into
the world.

Maria Montessori

3-6 Classroom - Ms. Wendy & Mr. Jonathon

Spring is here and summer is near! As Earth Day approaches, our class will begin to spend more time outdoors and we are excited to share the wonderful signs of new life that happens in our small patch of the world and beyond. Though we will miss some of the students who are moving on, we are looking forward to graduation day! We thank all of our families for their support this school term and wish everyone success with their new beginnings next year!

Unit Studies:

Art:

Much of our projects will center on spring and everything it brings to our environment. From flowers and their wide array of colors to the lifecycle of the butterfly, the children will get chances to express themselves and get a lot of chances to develop their tactile connection to the world and its materials. Students will also get to create something for a special Mother in their lives, and hopefully learn to appreciate Moms every day.

Botany:

As April comes to a close, we will finish up our look at the parts of the flower that will end with the study of the Sunflower, a very essential flower on our local landscape. When we start to see some blooms on our plants now pushing up, the children will experience a concrete connection to what we teach in the classroom. The sunflowers will be joined in the next two months by other starts and seeds during our Earth Day planting in the 3-6 garden beds. Practical Life, Care of Plants and other skills will combine and grow as the kids get their hands dirty!

Geography:

We will travel across the Atlantic to the continent of Europe as we conclude the school year. While Europe and the rest of the world become more globalized, we will see the differences and similarities of the past and present as we explore the various cultures of the people that make up this land. Our class will discuss what accomplishments have come from the thinkers and artists and what it means to us now.

Science:

The class has really taken an interest in our work around the concept of sinking and floating. They have been all keen to use their skills around size and weight discrimination that come largely from the area of Sensorial. We are happy to see the enthusiasm about something as seemingly simple as this concept, and hope that we have instilled a love for learning in Science and, really, all subjects. On the subject of the interconnectedness of the Sensorial to Science and others, we will also be using May to reexamine works like the Baric Tablets, Pressure Cylinders and the bells. This will further connect the children's lessons about the senses with the concrete materials in our classroom.

Zoology:

With the birth of new life comes the awakening of some of the smallest life forms that comprise a great deal of life on earth, insects. Though your children have been able to see some specimens in their classroom, they will now be looking at their anatomy and lifecycle through a more scientific lens. We will also get an opportunity to use humane tools to observe some specimens on our playground and in our garden areas. The students will learn how to carefully contain and release some of the six legged creatures that are right under our noses.

Ms. Wendy & Mr. Jonathon



3-6 Classroom - Ms. Connor & Ms. Donna

What the hand does
the mind remembers.

Mania Montessori



Welcome to the last few weeks of the school year! We are so proud of the progress the kids have made. Everyone has been working hard to accomplish their goals and to master their individual work. We are awed by the growth of the children in this class!

In the month of April, we studied insects and how they help the earth by decomposing waste. In our garden, the children have been watching the plants grow, as well as learning the names of the plants that are currently growing. The children have even sampled several herbs from our garden as a taste test.

In physical science, we covered the concepts of sink/float and magnetic/non-magnetic.

In geography, we reviewed the continent of North America where interest in Albuquerque was sparked.

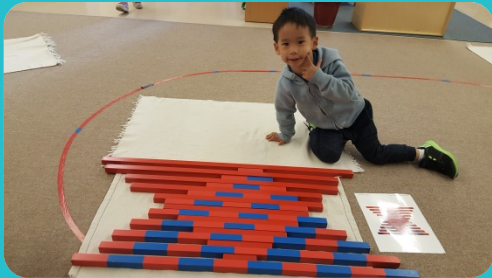
In May, we will be discovering Europe and its many cultures, gardening, and working on individual math and language works.

Reminders -

- Please drop off your child in the morning between 8:45 - 8:55 am. We are hoping to finish the year strong, and starting the day on time helps everyone with a smooth transition.
- Please apply sunscreen to your child every morning, and we will reapply it in the afternoon.
- Please send a nutritious lunch that includes a protein, fresh fruit and vegetables, a dairy item, and one grain.
- On May 10th from 2:30 - 3:30 pm we will be doing a special Mother's Day project. We are asking mom's to come in to participate with your child! We hope every mom can make it!
- The graduation celebration is on May 24th at 11:00am to 1:00pm. This will be a fun time for everyone!

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us, we will miss those of you moving on!

Ms. Connor & Ms. Donna





2-4 Classroom - Ms. Renee & Ms. Tami

Wow! We can't believe the school year is already coming to an end. What amazing progress the children have made in this second semester. They are inspiring!

April was packed with fun and very busy!

We started our unit on bugs and insects. Activities included in this unit were-

- The life cycle of a ladybug and butterfly.
- Bug matching materials.
- Books and songs about insects and bugs.

(All of these activities help with eye-hand coordination, cognitive, and language development of the child).

It was fun for them to handle the realistic insects and bugs!

In celebration of earth day, we will be learning about keeping our environment clean, recycling, and getting our garden started!

In May we will introduce -

- The parts of a flower.
- The difference between fruits and vegetables.
- Discover where our produce comes from.
- Learn what plants need to grow and be healthy.

Most importantly, we are practicing our songs for the end of year celebration! We hope everyone will join us for the graduation celebration!

We are looking forward to a fun filled summer program!

We have loved working with your children this school year!

Thank you,
Ms. Renee & Ms. Tami



Volcano Day!



The 2-4 year old classroom enjoys building a volcano and using their dinosaurs with it!



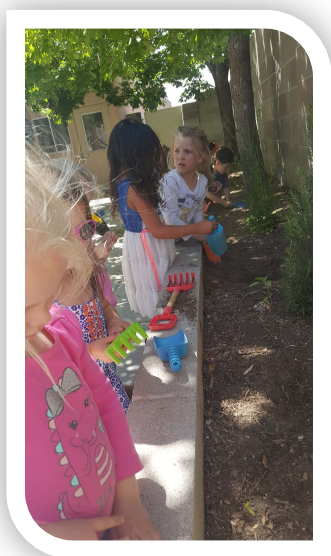
Both the 3-6 & Transition classrooms combined and enjoyed working together!

St. Jude's Trike - A - Thon

The children enjoyed a lovely spring morning of riding, while also raising money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. A cornerstone of modern Montessori is the development of community service and support. We would like to thank all the families and community members that donated time and money to our trike-a-thon. Not only did we support the children's hospital, but we also taught the children some very important safety rules to implement when riding their bikes or scooters!



Earth Day 2018



Earth Day Yoga



Nature in Education by Maria Montessori

<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1078035.pdf>

“This piece of writing addresses the “boundless” garden created through the web of foresight and patience combined with the spontaneous activity necessary for growing food and harvesting the bounty. Most will be familiar with this unique writing by Montessori who suggests that it is not the work and actual produce of the garden but the activities of “living naturally” that enhance the child’s development”.



In the school garden, Sri Lanka, 1940s



Children caring for the aviary, Barcelona, 1930s

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Dear Families,
The end of our school year is here. As we close out the school year, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude for giving us the opportunity to work with your children! It has truly been a pleasure! We hope you will join us for the Family Fun Day at the Botanical Gardens, as well as our in-house Graduation Celebration!

Warm Regards,
MVM Staff

Upcoming Important Dates:

- ❖ April 22nd Earth Day -
- ❖ 5-19-2018 - Family Fun Day - ABQ Botanical Gardens - 10 am
- ❖ 5-24-2018 - Last Day of School - 11:00 - 1:00 Graduation Celebration
- ❖ 6-4-2018 - First day of summer program

We have a new website!

See us at: <http://www.mvmabq.com/>

Follow us on Facebook!



April and May Birthdays

Penelope - 4-19

Garrison - 4-26

Yujun - 4-27

Julia Hung - 5-1

Zada - 5-3

Michael - 5-11

From the Office -

I just want to take a moment to say thank you to the MVM staff and families for welcoming me into the organization with so much acceptance and understanding. It is not easy to join a school toward the end of the year. I feel truly blessed to have found Mountain View!

We want to thank you for working hard to get your children here before 9:00am. We have really noticed a big difference in the morning work cycles!

Some reminders as we close out the school year -

- Be sure to check your child's mailbox file by the front counter every day at pick-up. We have noticed that important student work and information accumulates rather quickly!
- Please turn in your summer enrollment brochure; we are filling up quickly this year!
- Summer program begins on June 4th, at 9:00am. Our summer schedule before care begins at 8:00am.

Best wishes for a great summer,
Susan



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Transition & 3-6 classroom Mother's Day project 2:30 - 3:30 in the activity room!	11	12
13	14	15	16 Scholastic Book Orders Due	17	18	19 Family Fun Day! Botanical Gardens 10:00 am
20	21	22	23	24 Graduation Celebration 11:00am - 1:00pm School closes at 1:00 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Botany & Gardening Week (June tuition due)	5	6	7	8	9
10 Botany & Gardening Week	11	12	13 Scholastic Book Orders Due	14	15	16
17 Tropical Islands Week	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Tropical Islands Week	25	26	27	28	29	30