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Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Spring Break! The school year is flying by! Thank you for your participation in student presentations/observations and parent teacher conferences. It is very important to our school that you are aware of your child's growth and development!

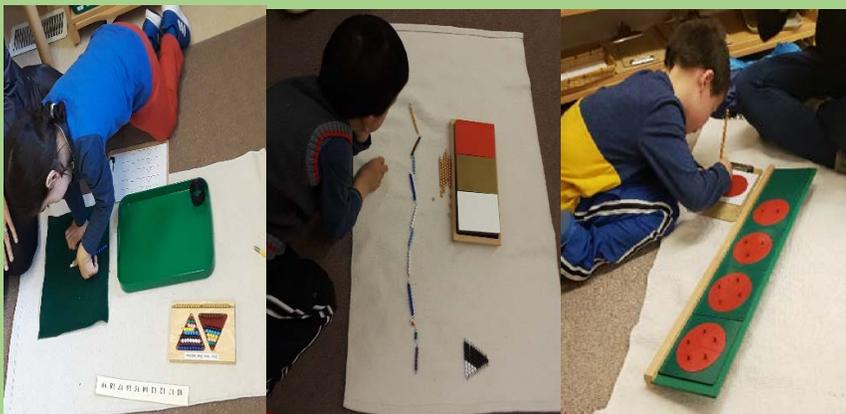
~ MVM Staff

Reminders:

- * Please drop your child off between 8:45 – 9:00am.
- * Read all information sent home.
- * No Peanuts allowed at MVM.
- * Sign your child in and out with a complete signature.
- * We kindly ask that you put your child's name on everything you send to school.

Thank you,
MVM Staff

Montessori Spotlight



Math

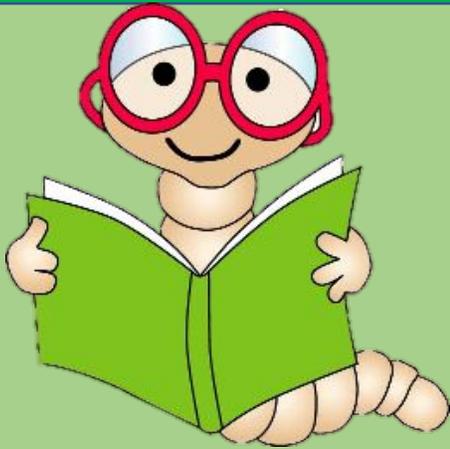
Montessori math is designed to assist each child on a path of deep understanding of mathematical concepts. Dr. Montessori began developing her math curriculum by first observing that children learn through concrete, hands on experiences. The youngest of children explore using their senses, therefore the young child's first experience with math begins in the sensorial area. Once the child understands the concepts taught by these materials, they will then begin their journey from concrete experiences to more abstract lessons between the ages of 2-6. The Math curriculum is scaffold and precise. Please visit the following website for further information.

<http://www.infomontessori.com/mathematics/introduction.htm>

Montessori Math 2-6-year-old areas include:

- Numbers Through Ten.
- Decimal System
- Linear & Skip Counting
- Tables of Arithmetic
- Passage to Abstraction
- Fractions

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. You raised \$45.00 for the school this fall!

MVM will be collecting box tops for spring of 2019. The more points we obtain, the more we can supply our school. Every little bit helps! Thank you!

Birthday Celebrations



March Birthdays

Parker – 3/2

Weldon – 3/10

Estes – 3/15

Jillian – 3/27

April Birthdays

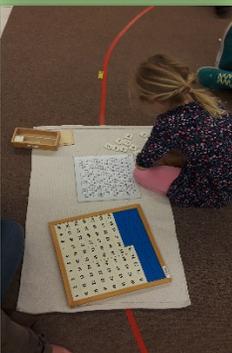
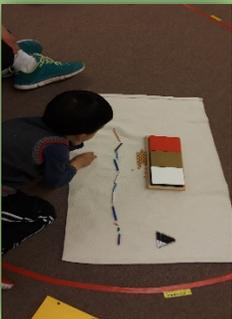
Elisia – 4/5

Sammy – 4/14

Penny – 4/19

Desert Willow

Ms. Wendy & Ms. Donna G.



Welcome back!

Hope everyone had a goodtime during Spring Break.

Thank you for adjusting your schedules for our Parent/Teacher Conferences. You are what makes our jobs easier working with your children. I appreciate your support and understanding during the times I spend with my mother.

Our first week back will be reviewing where we left off and moving on to new lessons.

April will wrap up our work load in preparation for graduation. Our Kindergarten children will be choosing their poems as we celebrate Poetry month.

Cultural: Our unit of study will be an introduction to Landforms; their definitions and formations (Lake / Island, Cape / Bay).

We will discuss famous women in honor of Woman's history month and what they contributed to the world.

Zoology: The Reptile kingdom will be continued with the emphasis on dinosaurs. Please have your child bring in any resources they have.

This is a fun unit where your child usually educates me! The definitions of carnivore, herbivore, and omnivore will be introduced. At this time, we will revisit fossils and create our own. Please put your child's name on any resources brought to school. In April we will be studying amphibians and their life cycle: from tadpole to a frog!

Science: We will revisit parts of a volcano and do a fun verbal quiz on what the difference is between an active, dormant and extinct volcano. Along with volcanos there will be an experiment using an acid and a base to see a reaction. (vinegar & baking soda). We will take this outside and make our own volcano and see what reaction occurs. Spring is in the air and we will learn about different weather patterns and cloud coverage.

Botany: Our last unit in Botany will be learning the parts of a flower and discussing different kinds of flowers and what they give to us. This will be a good time to start preparing our garden for planting.

It is hard to believe the school year is coming to an end.

Ms. Wendy & Ms. Donna

Juniper

Ms. Donna, Ms. Sujani, & Ms. Sam



Welcome back and welcome spring! It's hard to believe that spring is here!

Well, we are down to the last couple of months of school! I really enjoyed spending time with each of you during parent/teacher conferences. It is so helpful to hear from all of you about what changes you are seeing in your children at home. I also appreciate the time to share information with you about what your child is currently working on.

Language: As mentioned during conferences, each child is on their own individual path to reading. However, in group we play a few games to engage everyone in beginning sounds, rhyming, and opposites. The children enjoy these games and hopefully will teach them to you at home.

Math: In math we are having fun with word problems. Trying to apply addition and subtraction to everyday life. "If Jason, Vanessa, and Caiden each have an orange in their lunch, how many oranges are there total"? Continue to do this at home, you'll be surprised at how quickly they can answer! The tricky part is when you ask, "Did you add or subtract to get the answer."? Most can come up with the correct answer but struggle with "how".

Cultural: Our cultural studies will be all about dinosaurs. This is a favorite with everyone. If your child has a dinosaur book they would like to share with the class they are welcome to bring it in. Please make sure the book is clearly labeled with your child's name.

Botany: We will discuss the parts of a flower and start planting some seedlings.

Science: With the changing of the seasons we will be discussing weather. Earthquakes, tornadoes, and volcano eruptions...oh my! Plenty of science experiments to keep us busy.

Art: Mrs. Sujani has so many fun projects planned for us. Be on the lookout for amazing arts and crafts!

Kindergarten: Research projects are due on Friday March 29th. Please remember that this is your child's project "helping" isn't "doing". If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thank you,

Mrs. Sujani and Mrs. Donna

Pinon Pine

2-6

Ms. Renee, Ms. Tami, & Ms. Rebeca



This year is flying by and the children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm to learn and grow. We are excited and look forward to their continued progress.

We ended our unit on dinosaurs by studying volcanos and the impact they had on the dinosaurs. The children enjoyed making a giant volcano in the sandbox and putting dinosaurs around it. We then used baking soda and vinegar to cause an explosion. This is always a fun way to end the unit.

In Zoology, we are learning about amphibians with a focus on the parts of the frog. The children have enjoyed learning about the frog's life cycle and what they like to eat to survive. We have also discussed where different frogs live and which frogs are dangerous. One of the children's favorite songs to sing together is 5 green speckled frogs they also enjoy pretending to be the frogs and taking turns jumping into the pond while singing.

In Botany, we will be learning about the parts of a flower as well as learning the life cycle of a plant. For earth day we will be planting seeds in preparation for our garden this year. We will also be discussing how we care for our planet and doing some community service on the playground and in the garden.

As the weather changes, we will be switching out warmer clothing for lighter and more appropriate clothing. Also, as a reminder please remember to apply sunscreen on your child before school. We will reapply in the afternoon before going out.

Thank you,
Ms, Renee, Ms, Tami and Ms. Rebeca

Aftercare

Ms. Thari, Ms. Rebeca, & Ms. Sam



AFTERCARE

For the month of March aftercare students will be doing fun filled educational activities.

Botany: The children will explore different flowers and they will make art with pressed flower petals.

Zoology: We will be learning about amphibians, creating a frog sensory bin.

Science: We will talk about weather and the seasons, the children will then create Spring art. They will be doing science experiments like "rain cloud in a jar".

Cultural: Children will have fun in the kitchen making favorite healthy recipes while learning about standard measurements and the importance of eating healthy.

Music: We will continue to explore and learn about the guitar and continue to do music and movement weekly.

~ Ms. Thari, Ms. Sam, & Ms. Rebeca

MVM Special Events-Frank Leto, Chinese New Year, Dentist Visit, Valentine's Day, and Student Presentations



Special Projects – Science



Blubber



Making Crystals



Body Balance



Making Rain



Making Snow/Arctic Animals



Music Instrument Exploration



Making Fossils



Germ, Germ Everywhere



Measuring & Mixing



Cooking



Building a Volcano



Exploding a Volcano



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Trike – a - Thon	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Parent Ed. Night 6 -7pm	26	27
28	29	30				



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Family Fun Day @ the Zoo!
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Graduation 10:30 – 1:00pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Office News

Ms. Susan

Thank you MVM families for making this a wonderful first year for me!

I am happy to announce that March 6th was my one-year anniversary here at MVM! I have really enjoyed getting to know the children, families, and staff! I have to say that this is the BEST school staff I have ever worked with! I appreciate the support and encouragement that they give me daily, and better yet that they give the children! My respect goes out to all of you! Thank you again families for your patience and understanding throughout the last year!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- ❖ 4/12 – Trike A Thon – please turn in permission slips.
- ❖ 4/15 – Summer and Fall enrollment forms turned in.
- ❖ 4/22 – Earth Day!
- ❖ 4/25 – Parent Education Night 6-7pm, “Using the Montessori philosophy to parent without power struggles” with Lyndi Spears

TRIKE -A-THON

St. Judes Annual Trike-a-thon will take place on Friday April 12th, 2019 @ 9:30 am.

Children will ride their bikes to raise money for St. Judes research hospital. Please return your child’s permission slip by April 10th.



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