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MVM Newsletter

August - September 2020

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of the donations, support, and encouragement you have given MVM and our staff during this uncertain time. We can never express how grateful we are for you, our families! We are so happy to be back to somewhat of a normal routine. However, we are looking forward to being back to a completely normal environment, we miss seeing and speaking with you individually! ~ MVM Staff

Reminders:

- * Please drop your child off between 8:45 – 8:55am.
- * Read all information sent home.
- * No Peanuts allowed at MVM.
- * Please send your child in with easy, slip on and off shoes.

Thank you,
MVM Staff

Parent Information

COVID -19 Updates

- Children are doing great with their masks and hand washing.
- We continue to work on social distancing, this is the hardest for the children.
- Thank you for following our COVID guidelines and procedures. Please be respectful of the 3:00pm pick times you have been assigned. Until the pandemic ends, we must work together to keep the flow going in the parking lot.

Montessori At Home

Encourage your child to be independent and helpful. For example:

Have them carry their dinner plate to the sink or dish washer.

Let them dress themselves.

Make them an area with cleaning items like a duster, small hand broom and dustpan, and a small broom.

Montessori Apps

Apps are a great way to keep your child engaged if they are home for an extended amount of time. Here is a list of some we recommend!

- Montessori Numbers for Kids
- Montessori Crosswords for Kindergarten by L'Escapadou
- Bob Books Reading Magic
- Mobile Montessori apps
- L'Escapadou apps

Suggested Reading

- Montessori: The Science Behind the Genius; by Angeline Stoll Lillard
- Maria Montessori: Her Life and Work; By E. M. Standing
- Teaching Montessori in the Home: The Pre-School Years by Elizabeth G. Hainstock & Lee Havis
- Maria Montessori and Her Quiet Revolution: A Picture Book about Maria Montessori and Her School Method; by Nancy Bach

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. Please visit the scholastic website and use code LGGYF @ checkout!

Birthday Celebrations



August Birthdays

Isabella - 2nd	James - 28th
Ezra - 12th	Colton - 29th
Cora - 17th	Aniya - 31st
Camden - 21 st	

September Birthdays

Howard - 8 th
Simon - 27 th
Woojin - 30th

Desert Willow



First Weeks of School: The children were so excited to be back in school and socializing with their friends. They have been assessed and the new norm routine seems to be working well in our classroom. We plan to extend the outside area from our back door to an additional learning environment. All suggestions and donations are welcomed. The children will rotate throughout the morning work cycle. We are happy to report when we got back from the Labor Day weekend, we were close to being back on track. Your children have missed the academic hands on approach, and they are eager to receive new lessons and have been focused on their works.

All about Me: Is the start of our unit of study. Starting with our school, our environment, and new friends. Emotions, what are they? We will use our baby pictures to look at how much they have grown and became more independent and socially aware of our surroundings.

Contracts: The Kindergarten children started using their individual work contract, which helps them with time management. A contract consists of completing language, handwriting, and math work, and a choice of Practical Life, Sensorial, Cultural, Botany, Science, or Zoology work. This enables your child the responsibility of keeping track of her / his work. We will be sending their homework packets home the 2nd or 3rd week of September.

Handwriting: The children have started daily handwriting exercises. These will consist of push pin work, tracing, metal inset materials or writing their language words. We will begin with the three "P's" posture, proper paper placement, and pencil grip. These will be fun and extremely valuable lessons. Some of the kindergarten children started writing in their primary composition books.

Unit Studies: We have reviewed the classification of living/nonliving, plant/animal, and vertebrate/invertebrate from our Zoology shelf. Mammals will start the learning of the animal kingdom with the parts of the horse. In Geography, the children have studied the sandpaper globe of land and water. With this globe the children get a sensorial impression of the Earth. The sand surface represents land and the blue surface represents water. (The tactile of rough & smooth.) We also worked with the continent globe representing our continents by color, which is color coded to our continent map. What country do we live in? We live in the United States of America which is located on the Continent of North America. Learning through fun, the children are refreshing their memories with the Oceans and Continents songs. Our environment is labeled with directions; North, South, East, and West and we practice being compasses as part of our circle time. The children really enjoy this game.

In Botany: we studied the parts of a seed and planted lima beans. We will discuss the parts of a root and what fruits and vegetables grow from the ground. We will grow a sweet potato plant and a carrot for the children to see the roots growing. September studies will also cover parts of an apple and who was Jonny Appleseed? Science started with Bacteria, Germs and Viruses? This unit helped the children understand how and why we need to stay healthy. This brings continued studies of our bodies and learning the functions of our 5 senses.

Art: We are studying Wassily Kandinsky a Russian artist. We have a poster in our classroom which was the inspiration to start our art unit "Squares with Concentric Circles." We will create several art projects through music and try and feel what Kandinsky wanted to accomplish. Can you guess which work of art the children made?

Thank you for all your support, Ms. Wendy & Ms. Thari

Juniper

Ms. Donna & Ms. Rebeca



Dear Parents,

While this school year is starting off like no other, I am so excited to welcome back all my students. Although we have had to make several changes, I am happy to say that the children are adjusting and working harder than ever. It is great to be back together!

Botany: Our fun started with the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We grew beans in plastic baggies and then investigated what the inside of a seed looks like. Everyone was excited to see the “baby plant” inside the seed. Next up, will be what grows above and below the ground and the parts of a plant that we eat.

Cultural: We are talking about our emotions and how to handle difficult situations. Seems very fitting for 2020! In this unit the kids will complete an emotion book.

Science: I will continue to offer hands-on science experiments with the addition of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math). This will be tied into the story of the week.

Geography: We begin with land/air/water. I have some new work on the shelf with 3-part cards to introduce the parts of a bike, airplane, and sailboat. The kids are anxious to get started on the books that accompany this work.

Zoology: We will discuss North American Farm animals. At school we will focus on the life cycle of a chicken. The time has come for our Kindergarteners to start the much-anticipated research project! I will send home more information after I have talked with the kids and they have chosen the farm animal they would like to research.

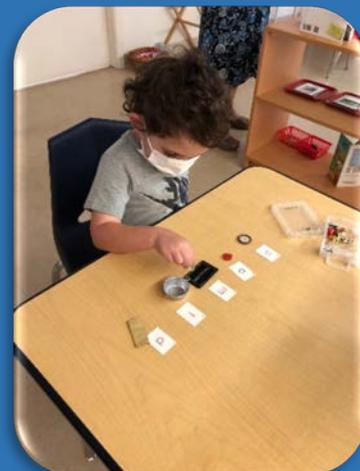
Language: Each child will begin an individualized road to reading. I have gone back to where they were when we left in March and are working with them to get them caught back up. We will also focus on reading comprehension and the retelling of a story. Please read with your child every night and then discuss the story with them. Ask who the main character was. Ask for a description of that character. Talk about the conflict in the story and the resolution. We do this at school, and they love discussion time!

I will do my best to email pictures, as I am sure you love to see a glimpse into their day. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am always here to help.

As always, thank you for allowing me to do what I love,
Ms. Donna

Maplewood

Ms. Renee & Ms. Rosalba



Maplewood is up and running and looks amazing! We would like to welcome all our existing families back and give a big welcome to our new families! The first few weeks of school have been great! The children are eager to learn and are excited with the new environment.

The first month back always consists of getting to know each other, assessing all the children through observation, and getting them into a routine. We also review and familiarize them with the materials and how the classroom functions. We have been encouraged with all the children's ability to adjust to the changes implemented due to the Covid 19 guidelines. They are resilient and willing to do whatever is needed.

In August, we began learning about ourselves, how we're different, how we're the same and how we're all special and unique in our own way. We have talked about and read books about feelings, explaining how we all have them and that there are healthy ways to behave and react when we are feeling excited, sad, or angry among other emotions. Implementing breathing exercises and strategies to settle and calm down. They have enjoyed listening to Frank Leto's song "Can you tell how I feel". In Zoology, we are learning about the difference between living and non/living, and the difference between plants and animals. We are also learning about farms, why they are important to us and about the animals that farmers keep and why.

This month, in Science, we will be expanding on All About Me, learning about the human body and why it is important to take care of ourselves, as well as different types of germs and how we stop them from spreading. We will discuss how our character counts and why it is so important to treat people with respect and to make good choices. Grace and courtesy are the foundation of the Montessori environment and vital to having a successful class. In Zoology, we will also continue to learn about the farm, with a focus on parts of the horse, that they are classified as mammals, and the different types of horses that exist.

Thank you for all your support and for allowing us to be a part of your child's growth. We are looking forward to an amazing year!

Ms. Renee and Ms. Rosalba

Pinon Pine

Ms. Tami, Ms. Sujani, & Ms. Heidi



We are off to a great start this school year! The children are adjusting very well to all the changes we have had to make due to the pandemic.

In August, we began talking about emotions and learning the tools to be in control over them.

During the first few weeks of school we have worked on grace and courtesy, as well as how to roll and unroll our work mats, push our chairs in, and putting materials back in their proper place when we are done working with them.

In September, we will be learning about how we are all different, yet the same. We will also learn about parts of the body and focus on our 5 senses.

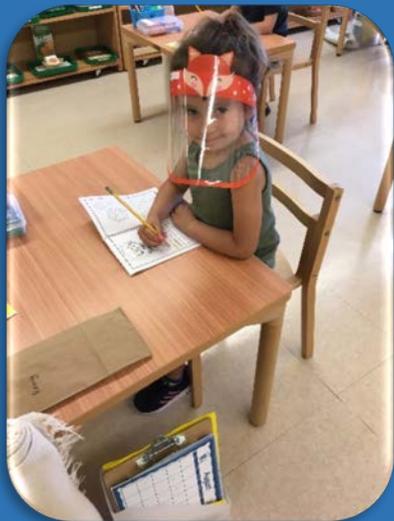
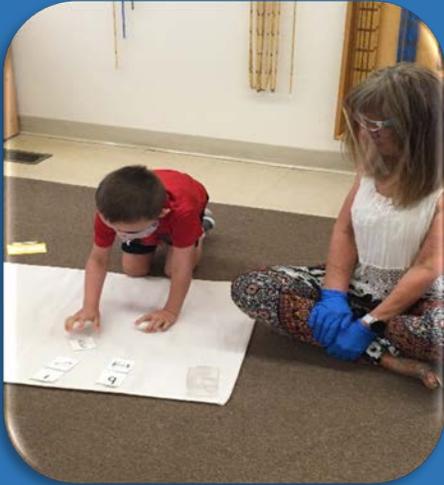
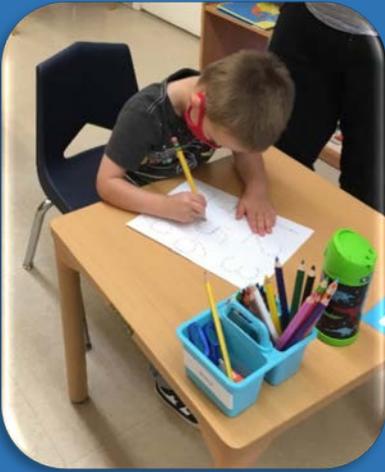
In Science, we will be learning about apples and planting apple seeds. We will be learning about farm animals.

Enrichments will begin in September during our morning circle.

We look forward to a fantastic semester!

Ms. Tami, Ms. Sujani, & Ms. Heidi

First Days of School 2020!





9/14/20 – Baby picture is due

9/21/20 – Family photo is due

9/22/20 – First day of Autumn



10/8 - 10/9 /20 – Fall Break -. School resumes on Monday, October 12th.

Pumpkin patch field trip – Cancelled.

10/30/20 – International Children’s Day



“The child seeks **independence** by means of work; an **independence** of body and mind.” “We must clearly understand that when we give the child freedom and **independence**, we are giving freedom to a worker already braced for action, who cannot live without working and being active.”

~Dr. Maria Montessori

Office News

Ms. Susan

UPDATES

Welcome MVM families!

I want to express my appreciation to all of you for helping make the new school year a success, especially with all the new COVID-19 procedures.

Your children are fast on their way to becoming independent, lifelong learners! By choosing a Montessori education, you are giving them the foundation to be successful leaders of tomorrow!

I am feeling the disconnect that COVID – 19 has placed on us. I do miss our morning and afternoon chats. Please know I am still available by phone if you need anything. I can help with any type of community resources or just as a sounding board. We are truly in this together!

If you ever need information late at night or early morning, please check our website. We have uploaded a lot of information to help answer any questions you may have. I also hope you will visit our Facebook page, any suggestions on how to utilize it better would be welcomed!

It has been wonderful being back at school and seeing the children every day, they are what I missed the most during the shutdown!

Thank you for sharing them with us,

Susan

- 📌 The door code has changed. Once we are back to normal drop off and pick up, I will send out the new code.
- 📌 Please remember that late drop offs for Kindergarten is counted as a tardy.
- 📌 Absences affect your child's ability to move forward in the Montessori process, please save them for illnesses, especially this year.
- 📌 If your child will be dropped off late or picked up early, please notify the office as soon as possible.

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!