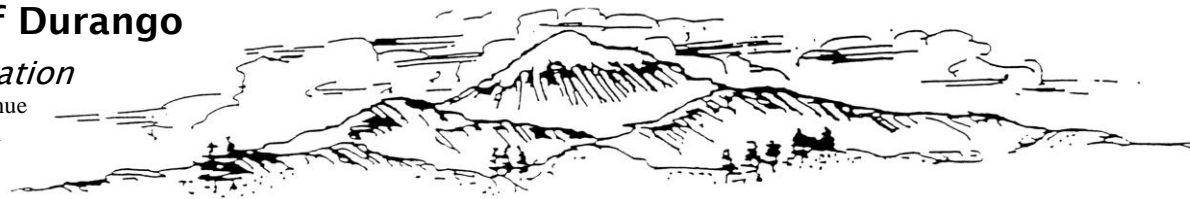


# Children's House of Durango

## Montessori Education

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## Monthly Newsletter: October 2018

Thank you to all of the families who attended our Open House and for your feedback. We hope it was informative and fun for you all. If you were unable to attend we have books you can check out that explain some of the Montessori materials and also how to bring Montessori into the home. The books and a check-out sheet are on the white shelves in the bin room for you to browse at your convenience. Also, a big thank you to all of the parents who have been bringing us items from our wish list! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### What have the students been up to and what do they have to look forward to this month?

#### Blue room

The students have been working on

- Visual discrimination of 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional shapes using the sensorial materials with a focus on circles, triangles, and circle-based 3-D shapes.
- Reinforcing numerals 1-10 through books and counting objects
- Numeral formation using the sandpaper numerals and worksheets

This month we will be introducing

- Size discrimination
- Counting and writing teen numerals
- More geometric shapes

#### Green room

The students have been working on

- Basic skills such as cutting, gluing, how to care for the artistic tools, and clean up procedures
- Learning about line and exploring with different line drawings

This month we will be introducing

- Primary colors
- Continuing to work with shapes and lines

#### Red room

The students have been working on

- Developing concentration and hand-eye coordination
- Practicing cleaning up after oneself
- Spanish greetings, colors, numbers, and shapes

This month we will be introducing

- Harvest/Fall theme work
- Face & Body parts in Spanish

#### Rainbow room

The students have been working on

- Geography – Learning about the universe, galaxies, and our solar system
- Science – Intro to classification (living/non-living, plant/animal, vertebrate/invertebrate)
- Language - Language development through initial sound works, rhyming, letter formation, and reading comprehension

This month we will be introducing

- Geography – The 5 animal kingdoms. Leaves, Earth's layers, volcanos, fossils, and dinosaurs.
- Language –Lowercase letter formation using the sand-pan, skywriting, letter-pin-punching, vowels, and letter formation books

For Your  
Calendar

Oct 16 & 17:  
School Photos

Oct 31: Harvest  
Festival from 9:00-  
11:00 am

Please welcome our  
new afternoon  
teacher, Joe!

## FYIs, Upcoming Events & Reminder

Please welcome our new afternoon teacher, Joe! Joe is from Bailey, CO and is studying English and Education at Fort Lewis College.

### Super Hero & "Character" Clothing:

Movie and television characters and combative images on clothing often encourage distractibility and behavior that is aggressive or violent in nature. Also, children will often compete with one another and even engage in 'put-downs' with regards to the character printed on their clothing. For these reasons we have imposed a No Character or Super-hero clothing rule at Children's House of Durango. Character shoes are excepted as we realize they are often the only school-suitable shoes the child owns. Please help us to promote a peaceful, healthy environment by evaluating whether the image on your child's shirt is appropriate each morning.

**Friday, October 31** will be our annual **Harvest Celebration**. We offer activities and games including pumpkin painting, bite the doughnut, mask making, apple-coring, and more in the backyard from **9:00-11:00 a.m.** All parents and students are invited. If your child does not regularly attend on Fridays, they may join in on the festivities with a parent chaperone. Parents are welcome to come and volunteer or sign up to bring mini pumpkins and/or various food items. If you are interested please see the sign-up sheet on the parent bulletin board the week of October 10th.

\*\*\*\* In the Children's House tradition, we encourage all students to dress up as something along the theme of harvest: flowers, pumpkins, tomatoes, scarecrows, farmers, animals, etc. In this way, we use our creativity to celebrate the spirit of the fall season. **Please NO superhero costumes or weapons.**

**Sharing** – Please try to arrive at school on time. Entering a class during lessons can break the concentration of students. Also, we would like to remind parents that sharing begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday mornings. If children arrive to school late on these mornings we ask that they save their sharing for another day. A sharing list is posted in the kitchen and available on the website and Shutterfly. Thank you for your cooperation!

Thank you all for the snacks this last month! **Please remember that we are a peanut-free school this year due to a severe allergy** – this includes foods processed in a facility with peanuts. Continue checking packaging and if you have any questions, feel free to check with Miranda. Thank you!!

### Miranda's Cook's Corner

Dear Parents,

I am happy to be returning to the Children's House kitchen! I am also excited to introduce our new part-time cook, Kelly Newman. We look forward to creating nutritious and delicious lunches for your children. Here's a recipe for playdough that is easy to make:

#### PLAYDOUGH

2 Cups Flour  
1 Cup Salt  
2 Cups Water  
4 Tsp Cream of Tartar  
2 Tbsp Oil

Combine these ingredients and cook over medium heat stirring frequently until thick. We can always use extra playdough at Children's House, so feel free to bring us a batch of your homemade playdough!

Thanks!!  
Miss Miranda