



Monthly Newsletter: April, 2022

Spring is here Hooray! Since the days can still get cool outside, please be sure to send your child to school each day with a warm jacket and hats and gloves for those extra chilly spring days. Don't forget sunscreen!

Here is what the students are doing this month:

Math

- Reviewing and continuing to explore abstract addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- Strengthening addition and subtraction, especially within 1-20.
- Continuing to explore money by gathering different amounts, paying for items at a store, and learning to add and subtract with money.
- Introducing how to read time analog and digital.

Sensorial Skills

- Continuing to decipher differences in music notes, geometric shapes, color hues, and textures.

Art

- Continuing to revisit and hone basic skills
- Continuing to explore painting on the easel and crayon melting
- Creating programs, props, and the backdrop for our Spring Sing Performance

Spanish

- Continuing to practice basic vocabulary such as animals, colors, greetings, parts of the body

Language

- Practicing lowercase letter writing/handwriting, sight words, sentence building, poems, reading, and grammar.

Science and Geography

- United States Geography
- Continuing to study lifecycles including amphibians, butterflies, and mealworms.
- Welcoming Spring with units on seeds, plants, the birds and the bees.

Music

- Continuing to learn about music through the Montessori Bells, Melody Harp, Carnival of the Animals, and Notation on the Musical Staff.

Practical Life

- Fine Motor Skills with pipet work
- Cleaning vegetables
- Crushing eggshells
 - We are accepting eggshell donations for our students to crush into a fine powder for our garden. We use a particular mortar and pestle for this work. All donated eggshells must be clean. Thank you!

FYIs and Upcoming Events:

We will be celebrating **Earth Day** on **Friday, April 22nd** with some special activities and a clean-up at Fassbinder Park.

A friendly reminder: We will be spending more and more time outdoors as the weather continues to warm up. Please remember to protect your children's skin by applying **sunscreen** to their faces and arms and/or sending them to school with a **hat** and long sleeves if desired.

Our annual **Spring Sing** performance will be held on **Wednesday, May 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** Children need to arrive by 5:45. (Rain date is Thursday, May 19).

This is a special evening for parents and siblings of our students! The children will be performing songs, poems, and instrument as well as showing-off their artwork, which will be on display throughout the backyard. This year our spring sing theme is "Happy 35th Birthday to Children's House"

Mark the date on your calendars!

During the Art Show following the Spring Sing performance, your children's art work will be displayed around our playground, grouped by homerooms. Families will have the opportunity to "buy" your child's art as a fundraiser for the school. Last year, we used the money that we raised from the art show to buy new materials for the classrooms. Any donation is greatly appreciated, but if you do not "buy" your child's artwork, don't worry, you will still get to take it home! They have been working hard on their masterpieces and we can't wait to show them off!

FYIs and Upcoming Events Cont...:

The annual **Spring Workday** are on **Saturday, April 30:** beginning **at 9:00 a.m.**

Our playground will greatly benefit from new woodchips and new coats of paint, re-building structures, etc. Thank you in advance for your help!!

We hope you will all set aside some time that morning to help us spruce up our school. We will be starting at 9:00 a.m. and going until the work is done (usually around noon, but sometimes later if you are available). We plan to repair and add playground equipment, paint/stain, plant flowers in the beds, scrub chairs, and various other tasks. There will be projects for all abilities. We like the children to take pride in their school, maintain it, and share that with their family. We appreciate the work the parents, children, and teachers do every year and it helps tremendously.

A GoogleDoc sign-up for various projects will be emailed out later this month, so plan on bringing tools and kids for all or part of that Saturday. If you see any project that you may be able to do at a different time, please send us a direct email.

Thank you!

Parent Musical Performances

(ongoing in April and May)

We would love to invite any musical instrument-playing parents to come play for us! We can accommodate one performer at a time onto our backyard playground for an outdoor performance and a mask is required. We look forward to your skills!

