



# MOTHER OF MERCY MONTESSORI

Fostering a Civilization of Love

## Upcoming Events

### Art Under the Stars



Belize: Beyond Borders

A Celebration of Catholic Faith  
and Belizean Culture

**Saturday, June 29, 2019**

**@ 8:00 p.m.**

**Divine Mercy Church**

## Welcome Mrs. Alma Habet

Mrs. Alma Habet has joined MMM's team of caregivers. For the past year, she has been our assistant administrator. She brings a deep devotion to Our Lord, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training and experience, and a passion for serving children in a Montessori environment. We are excited to have her in this new role!



**Preliminary Exercise:**  
**Spooning**



**Care of Self:**  
**Tea Preparation**



**Care of Environment:**  
**Washing Dishes**

## Practical Life

Practical Life work (PL) is the foundation of every Montessori community, beginning from the very young to adolescence. These activities help the child adapt to his environment. Everyday household chores he sees his family doing, now becomes a part of his daily routine, making him not only a member of his community, but a functioning member. PL is an aid for the child to gain control in coordination and movement, gain independence, develop, and grow his intellect and ability to concentrate.

Areas within PL include preliminary exercises, care of oneself, care of one's environment, grace and courtesy, and control and coordination of movement. Preliminary exercises help the child learn basic movements such as pouring, folding and carrying. Caring for oneself includes learning how to button and zip, and wash one's hands. Caring for the environment may include dusting a shelf, sweeping the floor, and washing a table. Through grace and courtesy lessons, children learn how to interact with other persons. Lessons in control and coordination, such as walking on a line, help the child become more aware of her own

## Sponsor's Corner

**We are so appreciative to our sponsors for continuing in this great work of serving the children in our community.**

**Thank you,  
Jason de Ocampo, for the  
beautiful bench for our  
children!**



### International Sponsors

Online donations for Mother of Mercy Montessori can be made at <http://www.solt.net/belize-city/> Select Donate and in the memo section direct funds to MMM!

### Local Sponsors

Now possible for the majority of banks in Belize, automatic direct deposit is available to MMM for children who lack financial means.



**Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."**

**Matthew 19: 14**

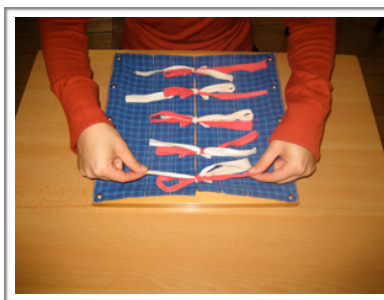
movements and how to refine her coordination.

Children are naturally interested in the activities of daily life. During the period between birth and six years old, the child is creating the building blocks of his person. By participating in these activities, he is preparing himself for his environment, growing in independence, using motor skills, analyzing difficulties and problem solving.

Practical Life exercises resemble everyday activities so the materials are familiar, real, breakable, and functional.

## Montessori Highlights

- Our sweet, 3 year old friend has mastered peeling and chopping vegetables like cucumbers and carrots!
- This 5 year old boy has learned the skill of sewing a button; threading the needle, tying a knot and sewing the button on fabric!
- A friend of 4 years has learned to tie a bow!



**"The exercises of Practical Life are formative activities, a work of adaptation to the environment. Such adaptation to the environment and efficient functioning therein is the very essence of a useful education."**

**~Maria Montessori**