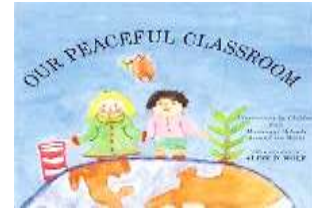




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- **MS. ROHINI'S CORNER:** Welcome to our Schools! The children are doing wonderfully well and had a fantastic first month! Thoughtful lessons on friendship skills and classroom rules helped ease our children into their new environments and peer roles. Teachers have already forged connections with children and are preparing lessons to meet the needs of every child. Our school year theme "Our children. Our future." has re-inspired us in planning purposeful observation, combined with building a respectful and nurturing environment: Our school mission is "To develop the intellectual, creative and human potential of our children through excellence in all our endeavors".

I am exceedingly thankful for such an amazing group of children and the most brilliant Montessori team! This is going to be an incredible year at our Schools! Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us!

- **MONTESSORI BLOG!** We invite our school-wide community to visit our very own **Montessorian Minds Blog**; a resource where our administrators, teachers and parents share ideas, knowledge and experience aimed at supporting our children! Subscribe for free to www.montessorianminds.com and enrich your mind to the unlimited potential of our children!



- **FALL FOR SEPTEMBER:** This month we are focusing on Our Peaceful Classroom, learning about Our Five Senses and Feelings, practicing Body Control and continuing Grace and Courtesy lessons. Our Composer of the Month is Walt Disney: Artist of the Month is Frida Kahlo.
- **WHAT'S COMING UP:** Labor Day - 5th - School **CLOSED**. Week of **Sep 11th** Grandparents Visit. Fire Engine Demo - **Sep 12th**. Children's Author Kentrell Martin Visit - **Sep 27th**.
- School Portraits - **Oct 3rd & 4th**, Teacher Professional Day, **School Closed- Oct 10**.
- **EXTRACURRICULAR:** Sign up now for After School Activities: Dance on Thu with Ms. Arianna. / Tae Kwon Do on Wed with Mr. Jesse Nunnally. These are great outlets for creative expression and are fun too! There are information flyers in the school lobby.
- **BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH:** Birthday wishes go to **Lizzie, Nylah, Aisha, Hanin, Hudson, Lola**. We also honored Maria Montessori's birthday by sharing our favorite Montessori material with a friend!

We hope your day was extra special, just like you are!



Please Note ****Children's birthdays are a lovely tradition at our schools. We ask that you coordinate bringing celebration treats with the School Office. Treats must be small (*mini muffins, mini cookies, fruit slices, etc.*) and must be nut-free. As a special request, please limit excessive colored frosting. Thank you for your understanding!**

- **HEALTH NOTE:** We suggest **packing a water bottle** in lieu of juice in children's lunchboxes. Also, please provide a balanced lunch including fruit, grains, vegies, protein and dairy in small quantities.
- **KINDERGARTEN NEWS:** Our eager students are settled in and enjoying their added responsibilities. They have been working hard on their handwriting skills and also reading comprehension with our SRA Reading Lab curriculum. Next week we will begin Accelerated Reading further developing our independent and confident readers...our future leaders! ☺
- **ART CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Mr. Charley and Mrs. Barbara Knight began their renowned Art Classes this week! **Art Volunteers for Wed/Thu mornings are still needed!! Please** inform the office that you'd like to help. There is NO experience or talent required ☺! You will have a blast and so will your child!! Thank you Sabrina L., Lissette Z.,
- **LABOR DAY:** Please note school will be **closed Monday, Sep 5th** in observance of Labor Day.
- **OFFICE NOTE:** Thank you families for keeping to our 8 a.m. arrival time for children! Classroom lessons begin promptly at 8 a.m. Children greatly benefit from participating in the full morning cycle with their classmates.



Did you know that routines help children to take charge of their own activities? Regular morning and bedtime routines help increase children's sense of mastery and competence. Their independence spurs confidence and leads to joyful children!

"The child's conquests of independence are the basic steps in what is called his 'natural development'." Maria Montessori *The Absorbent Mind*



Maria Montessori
1870-1952