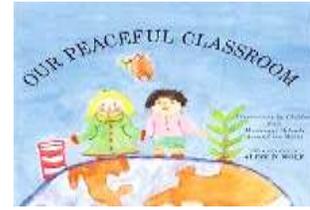




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- **MS. ROHINI'S CORNER:** Welcome to our Schools! The children are doing wonderfully well and had a fantastic first month! Thoughtful lessons on friendship skills and classroom rules helped ease our children into their new environments and peer roles. Teachers have already forged connections with children and are preparing lessons to meet the needs of every child. Our school year themes "Preparing the Whole Child" and "Team Before Self" have 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!



SCHOOL NEWS! Our three wonderful schools will be visited by a team of professionals from the American Montessori Society! We can't wait to share with them all the accomplishments by our remarkable children and give them a tour of our beautiful classrooms! The AMS Team will be at our schools Oct 1-4. Please join us in welcoming them and celebrating our schools!

Special Request: If you would like to write a testimonial for the AMS Reaccreditation Team, we would be so grateful. Your own words of the experience in our schools will help paint a picture for our visitors to truly understand how we meet the needs of our children, parents and community. **Thank you!!**

- **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 Piet Mondrian.
- **WHAT'S COMING UP:** Labor Day - Sep 4th - School CLOSED. Friday Sep 8th Grandparents Visit. Fire Engine Demonstration. Parent Education Night - Sep 19th watch for the memo coming home.

School Portraits - Sep 18th & 19th, Teacher Conference Days Oct 13 & 16th.

There is NO SCHOOL on Oct 13th. There is NO VPK on Oct 13 & 16.



- **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. Classes begin at 3 p.m. for children enrolled in the After School Program.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH: Birthday wishes go to Teyla, Khanak, Anacelis, Jaxon B., Paxton, Mr. Gene, Ms. Patti, Mr. Charley. We also honored Maria Montessori's birthday by sharing our favorite Montessori material with a friend!





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 omit 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!!

- **LABOR DAY:** Please note school will be closed Monday, Sep 4th in observance of Labor Day.



- **OFFICE NOTE:** Thank you families for keeping to our 8 a.m. (or earlier ☺) 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. Children who arrive after class starts miss important information for the day.



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

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