

SOUTH SHORE MONTESSORI, INC.
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April Calendar

April 1st	Pajama day
April 9th	Spring Party and Lunch
April 2nd	Good Friday (school/care closed)
April 4th	Easter Sunday
April 22nd	Earth Day
April 30th	Arbor Day
May 1st	Summer/Fall Registration Due

REGISTRATION FORMS

The Summer/Fall registration forms will be available soon. Please fill out the registration form and return by May 1st in order to assure your child's space in our program.

REMEMBER TO UPDATE

Addresses and phone numbers change from time to time, and it is easy to forget to tell us. This includes, updates to the emergency information as well as, pickup information and phone numbers. Please pick up your child's information sheet and update everything. Return it to the office no later than May 1st.

GARAGE SALE

Our annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 15th. Start saving now! The following are always good sellers: furniture, children and men's clothing, toys, electrical appliances, and knickknacks. We will also need: wire hangers, grocery sacks, boxes, masking tape, hanging poles for hanging clothes, tables, and unbroken little toys. There will be more information and sign up sheets for volunteers, as the weekend gets closer!

RANDALLS CARD # 7403

Thank you to all of the parents who mention Randall's number when doing their grocery shopping. We raised \$125 towards teacher scholarships last quarter!

CLASS PICTURES

Our Class picture proofs are in! Ms. Pam has done a great job capturing our classes! If you have not yet ordered your photo, please check with the office. The closing date for all orders is Monday, April 5th.

WHY MIXED AGE GROUPS?

If classroom equipment is to be challenging enough to provoke a learning response, it must be properly matched to the standard which an individual child has already developed in his past experience. This experience is so varied that only the child himself can usually make the most satisfying choice. The Montessori classroom offers him the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of graded materials. The child can grow as his interests lead from one level of complexity to another. Having children ages three through six together permits the younger children a graded series of models for imitation, and the older ones an opportunity to reinforce their own knowledge by helping the younger ones.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Thursday, April 1st is April fool's day. We will celebrate by wearing our pajamas to school that day. Why do we celebrate April fool's Day? Unlike most of the other non foolish holidays, the history of April Fool's Day, sometimes called All Fool's Day is not totally clear. There really wasn't a "first April Fool's Day" that can be pinpointed on the calendar. Some believe it sort of evolved simultaneously in several cultures at the same time, from celebrations involving the first day of spring.

To keep it all in perspective..."The first of

April is the day we remember what we are

the other 364 days of the year."--Mark

Twain.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Teacher Appreciation week is being held the week of May 3rd-7th. This is a wonderful way to let all of the teachers know how much you appreciate everything that they do for your child. You will get more information as it gets closer.

News from the Classroom of

101:

This month we will talk about Earth Day, Recycling and Respect. During art we will be participating in animal painting. We would like to welcome Diya Mattamana and Dorian Mehdizadeh to our class.

102:

This month will be focusing on respect of our environment. We will celebrate Earth Day and learn about the importance of recycling. We will discuss Africa, oceans and seashells. We will be reading books by Bill Martin Jr. and listening to music by Mozart and of course we will be doing plenty of art based on Mondrian, Earth, Africa and Oceans! Also we will be watching our seeds grow.

103:

This month we will be talking about the Earth and Earth Day. To go along with our Earth Day topic we will discuss recycling. Spring is here, we will be learning about the plant life cycle. We will be learning about parts of a plant and about the life cycle of a butterfly. We are asking for seeds or seedlings to plant in our garden; we'd love to receive some herbs to plant and harvest. On pajama day, April 1st, you may wear slippers, however bring along running shoes for outside play. And last but not least please sign up for a conference with your teacher; see the front clipboard for times.

104:

We will celebrate spring by studying the parts of plant, parts of flower in life science; also we will hatch live butterflies and learn the parts of a butterfly; we will germinate seeds and plant them in our garden. We will study mammals in Africa. The kindergarteners will map the oceans on earth.

105:

We will have a Pajama Day on April 1st. Yes, you may come to school in your pajamas. Remember to bring running shoes for outside play. Our next field trip will be April 15th. We are finishing the Iowa Basic Skills test early this month. Please make sure your children are getting enough rest and a nutritious breakfast before coming to school each morning. Conference scheduling will begin soon after testing ends. The sign up sheet is in the front office.

April Birthdays

101:

4/10- Diya Mattamana
4/18- Andres Rodriguez
4/20- Alyssa Rollins
4/24-- Spencer Wydermyer

102:

4/17-Tanya Morgan

103:

4/1 Mariana Rodriguez
4/25 Vijay Chaudahari
4/28 Macy Gonzalez

104:

4/12 Payton Gore
4/13 Garner Gorenflo
4/23 Gabriel Cabral

105:

4/19- Diego Ledgister

Staff:

4/15- Mrs. Howe

Theme: Earth Day/Recycling

Virtue: Respect for the Environment

Continent: Oceans

Author: Bill Martin Jr. & Scott O'Dell

Artist: Mondrian

Composer: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Misc.: Poetry Month

