

**SOUTH SHORE MONTESSORI, INC.**  
**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
**AUGUST 2010**

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**August Calendar**

Aug. 16	First day of school
Aug. 24	Elementary open house
Sept. 6	Labor Day Holiday School/Care closed

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!**

We had a wonderful summer at South Shore Montessori. We hope that everyone that was not here for the past couple of months also had a terrific summer. Now, we are all ready for an even greater school year! The first few weeks of school bring with them new routines, new concerns, and new challenges for both children and parents. Feel free to contact the school office with any questions or send a note to your child's teacher. It usually takes about six weeks for the classroom to normalize. Please keep this in mind when observing.

**FINGERPRINT SYSTEM**

Our newest addition to South Shore Montessori is the Attendance Tracker. When you bring your child you must now check them in with your fingerprint. The office will register you the first time and then you will be able to check them in and out on your own. This system adds another level of security for our school.

**TUITION**

For anyone running late at pickup time, if you would please call to reassure us (and we can reassure your child) that you are okay and on your way. There will be a late pickup charge, due at time of pickup. Childcare charges are \$8 per hour for extended day (3:30 pm) students and \$10 per every 15 minutes after 6 pm.

Tuition is always due on the first of each month with a late charge of \$20 on the second of each month. The month where the first falls on the weekend, you may leave your check in the office on Friday to avoid the late charge. If needed, put a post-it on your check to indicate that it should not be deposited before the first.

**TUITION EXPRESS**

Most of our parents are now signed up for Tuition Express. It will make your life just a little less hectic when you don't have to worry about making that tuition check out every month. With Tuition Express your tuition will come directly from your account. You can even take out for your pizza ticket. Now how easy is that!

**REMINDERS**

Please do not send anything with high sugar content. As a basic rule of thumb, send only items that do not have sugar in the first three ingredients. Please check the Capri Suns, some of them have sugar and some say 100% juice. We can only accept 100% Juice, water or plain milk.

If your preschool age child does not already have a gallon size Ziploc bag please send one with a change of clothing in it. Please label everything brought into the classroom, including lunchboxes, jackets extra changes of clothes, backpacks, etc.

All extended (8:30-3:30) Preschool students should be dropped off at the front door between 8:20-8:30. At drop off and pick up time parents are reminded to remain in the office area until their children are brought to the front door. Leave all cell phones on silent when entering the building. This is to provide an orderly procedure and to ensure safety for all of our students.

Extended day Elementary students should be dropped off at the back door between 8:10 and 8:20. Pick up time is between 3:20-3:30. Before or after those times please come to the front door.

Your child's paper work, projects, and blankets will go home every Friday. Do not be discouraged if your child doesn't bring home any work. Most Montessori work is hands on lessons that remain on the classroom shelves. Due to limited space in the classrooms, you may send a backpack with your child on Fridays only to take work home.

All medication brought to school must be in its original container and labeled with your child's name and current date. Medication must be signed in at the front desk before we can administer it to your child. We are not permitted

by the Texas Department of Health to give your child Tylenol without a doctors' written consent. We are also not allowed to dispense over the counter medication that is not age appropriate for your child unless we have doctor's permission.

As the mosquitoes have been very plentiful this summer we are very low on insect repellent. Everyone must send in a new bottle of bug repellent for your child. All bottles must be labeled with your child's name and signed in the office.

### **TUMBLEBUS**

Tumblebus will be on vacation for the remainder of August. They will resume their regular schedule in September. If you would like to sign up for Tumblebus, just fill out a registration form and put it in the box in the office along with your payment. The registration fee is \$15 (includes a t-shirt) and monthly tuition is \$35. If your child is already signed up for Tumblebus you do not have to re-register but you may purchase a new Tumblebus shirt for \$15. New students, ages two through five, will receive one free class.

### **RANDALLS # 740**

Thank you to everyone that has the Remarkable Randall's card linked to South Shore Montessori (#7403). Randall's donates a percentage of all sales to our teacher scholarship fund. Last month, we received \$45.91.

### **SHELTER BOX**

Thank you to everyone that donated money for shelter box. Our box has been assigned the number **12570** and you can track it by going to [www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org) and clicking on the "Track Your Box" link on the homepage. Select search by box number and be sure to select **United States of America** in the drop down menu.

### **CELL PHONE DONATIONS**

We are collecting old cell phones to donate to our soldiers overseas. If you have any you can donate, please bring leave them at the front office.

### **CLASSROOM NEWS**

#### **Room 101:**

We hope everyone had a great summer. We are looking forward to the coming year. During August we will be getting to know each other, teaching basic sign language such as eat, food, please, etc., as well as experiencing art music

and story time. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

#### **Room 102:**

August will be focused on learning all about ourselves. We will talk about what makes us unique. We will emphasize self-respect and respect for others. We will be introduced to new work and go over class guidelines. The children will be drawing life size portraits of their selves. We have many activities planned, don't miss a minute of it.

#### **Room 103:**

Wow, the first of the school year is already here and are we ever ready to get started. This month is all about me. We will be creating a class cookbook with your child's favorite recipe as well as creating a time line about their lives. We are asking for a picture of each year of life for our timeline, example if your child is 3 years old we are asking for 1 picture at birth, 1 picture at 1 years old, 1 picture at two years old, and 1 picture at 3 years, for a total of 4 pictures. We are also in need of gallon and quart Ziploc bags, any donation will be greatly appreciated.

#### **Room 104:**

Our Theme this month will be "All About Me", we will talk about how each child is special and unique. Our activities will help your children grow and develop their 5 senses. We will also continue to talk about Pennies for Peace.

#### **Room 105:**

The elementary class has enjoyed a wonderful summer but is anxious to get back to school. We will be celebrating with a back to school luau and some team building activities. Please look for Luau sign up sheet in the office. Just a reminder-All of your supplies are ready and waiting for you in class. All you need to bring is your lunch and backpack. See you soon.

#### **August Birthdays**

##### **101:**

8/13 Kingston Chin

8/13 Leilani Chin

8/14 Darian Mehdizadeh

##### **102:**

8/16 Blake Polsen

##### **103:**

8/24 Davis Atkinson

##### **104:**

8/17 Delaney Bonham

##### **105:**

8/25 Carly Allard

##### **Staff:**

8/13 Ms. Marissa

8/31 Ms. Gina

<b>Themes:</b>	All About me
<b>Author:</b>	Eric Carle el: Scott O'Dell
<b>Artist:</b>	Jackson Pollock
<b>Composer:</b>	Johann Sebastian Bach
<b>Peacemaker:</b>	Our Peaceful Classroom
<b>Virtue:</b>	Respect