

SOUTH SHORE MONTESSORI, INC.

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Welcome Back To School!

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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.



August Calendar

Aug. 15 First day of school
Aug. 22 Elementary open house
Sept. 6 Pre-school open house
Sept. 5 Labor Day Holiday
School/Care closed

Note from a parent

Madison is still using her sign language that she learned in 101. The amount of education she has received since she started at South Shore Montessori is just beyond belief. Thanks to the teachers in 101 and 102 and thanks for all you do to help her become a better person.

Dress Code

We ask that all students wear closed toe shoes, sneakers or running shoes (no sandals, no flip flops or open toes.) This is for our children's safety.

buttons), solid colors (no stripes), on

Fridays can wear South Shore Montessori t-shirts. Pants: khaki, navy, olive or black

Shoes: closed toe, sneakers, running shoes (no sandals, no flip flops or open toes.)



Elementary Dress Code



TUITION

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!

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.

On Friday to avoid the late

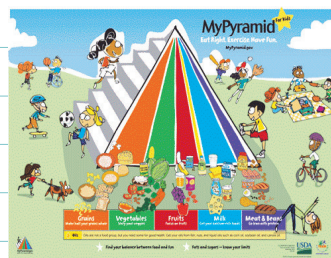
charge. If needed, put a post-it on your check to indicate that it should not be deposited before the first.

Every Friday is pizza day! The cost for a monthly pizza ticket is \$15.00 for toddler/ preschool and \$20.00 for Elementary.

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.



Nutritional Websites:

For Preschoolers:

<http://www.choosemyplate.gov/preschoolers/index.html>

Kids

<http://www.choosemyplate.gov/kids/index.html>

Eat Well, Be active, and Be Healthy!!!

Reminders:

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.

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.

Pickup & Drop Off

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.

Childcare charges for late pickup are \$8 per hour for extended day (3:30pm) students and \$15 charge after 6:01pm plus additional charges for every 15 minutes after.

Medication

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 out after August 9. 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

Recycling

We are in need of volunteers to pick-up our paper and plastics once a week. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Box Tops

We are looking for a volunteer to take care of the box tops we collect every month. Please let the office

Classroom News

Room 101:

We hope everyone had a great summer. Chiara and Siena are now eating by themselves with spoon! We are looking forward to the coming year. During August we will be working on a project called all about me and my house, learning about my school and school objects. 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. Please bring a picture of your child.

Welcome back! We have had an adventurous summer at SSM. Thank you, to Dylan Perkins for being a positive role model for his classmates. Great work on the cylinder knobs, Aubrey! It's time to start the school year. We have exciting projects planned. This month we will be making "All About Me" books. We will be asking for pictures of family members and pets. Books by Eric Carle will be read and art will be based on these readings along with (artist of the month) Van Gogh. Music by Bach will be enjoyed during nap and work cycles. The Continent song

will be introduced as well as our classroom rules. Basic sign language such as please, thank you, more, etc. will be learned and used. We will also be discussing the virtues respect and peace. It's going to be a great year!

Room 102:

Classroom News

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.

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.

Safety News

Parents we would like for everyone to be aware of products that may be re-called. Here is a web-site that might be helpful to refer to.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/>



August Birthdays

101:

102:

103:

8/16 Blake Polsen

8/24 Davis Atkinson

104:

8/17 Delaney Bonham

105:

8/25 Carly Allard

Staff:

8/13 Ms. Marissa

Themes: All About me

Author: Eric Carle


el: Scott O'Dell

Artist: Van Gogh

Composer: Johann Sebastian Bach


Peacemaker: Our Peaceful Classroom

Virtue: Respect




The child arrives like a mystery box...
with puzzle pieces inside
some of the pieces are broken or missing...
and others just seem to hide
But the HEART of a teacher can sort them out...
and help the child to see
the potential for greatness he has within...
a picture of what he can be
Her goal isn't just to teach knowledge...
by filling the box with more parts
it's putting the pieces together...
and creating a work of art

The process is painfully slow at times...
some need more help than others
each child is a work in progress...
with assorted shapes and colors
First she creates a classroom...
where the child can feel safe in school
where he never feels threatened or afraid to try...
and kindness is always the rule
She knows that a child
can achieve much more
when he feels secure inside
when he's valued and loved...
and believes in himself



...and he has a sense of pride
She models and teaches good character...
and respect for one another
how to focus on strengths...not weaknesses
and how to encourage each other
She gives the child the freedom he needs...
to make choices on his own
so he learns to become more responsible...
and is able to stand alone
He's taught to be strong and think for himself...
as his soul and spirit heal
and the puzzle that's taking shape inside...
has a much more positive feel

The child discovers the joy that comes...
from learning something new...
and his vision grows as he begins
to see all the things that he can do
A picture is formed as more pieces fit...
an image of the child within
with greater strength and confidence...
and a belief that he can win! All because a hero was there...
in the HEART of a teacher who cared
enabling the child to become much more...
than he ever imagined...or dared



A teacher with a HEART for her children...
knows what teaching is all about

she may not have all the answers...but on this...she has no doubt
When asked which subjects she loved to teach, she answered this way and smiled...
"It's not the subjects that matter...It's all about teaching the CHILD."