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**A Note from the Director:**

As the school year is coming to an end and the summer is upon us, I would like to thank everyone, both our teachers and families, for a wonderful year. We have seen so many wonderful things take place in our classrooms throughout the school since last August, and we are so proud of each of our students. We hope to see each of our families back next year!

**Camp Montessori  
Space Exploration**

What if summer could be a learning and absolutely fun adventure? Fun is what summer is all about but, what if they could learn a few things while having a great time? This year our summer program offers fun weekly themes, daily art projects, and a host of other exciting events as well as educational activities. Join us for all of the summer fun this year. Register soon--spaces for our space camp are filling up fast!

**Summer and Fall Registration**

We are currently enrolling for the summer/fall program for the 2010-2011 school year. Unfortunately, the "early bird" registration period deadline was on May 1st. The good news is there are still a few spaces available. All registration is on a first come basis. Please see the office for more information regarding the registration process. If you know someone looking for a great summer camp program, please tell him or her about us.

**Tuition**

Tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and late on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. If the 1<sup>st</sup> falls on the weekend you can postdate your check and we will hold it until the 1<sup>st</sup>. An even better solution is to sign up with Tuition Express. With Tuition Express your tuition will be automatically taken out of your account on the 1<sup>st</sup>. You will never have to worry about getting your tuition in on time. See the front office to sign up.

**Information Updates**

If you have not turned in your information updates please do so ASAP so we can update our records. We also need shot record updates. Thank you.

**Teacher Appreciation**

Help us celebrate all of the wonderful teachers we have at this school. There will be a luncheon in their honor for the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>. Let your child's teacher know how much you appreciate them. There is a sign up sheet on the front counter for anyone that would like to help out. If each classroom would take a day to provide lunch the teachers would love it.

**Cinco de Mayo**

The first week of May we will have Cinco de Mayo celebrations. Any information or materials you would like to share with the class would be wonderful.

**Mothers Day**

All of the classes will make special gifts for their moms. Shhhhh - these are surprises, so don't ask any questions!

Did you ever wonder how Mother's Day got started? Anna Jarvis of Grafton West Virginia and Philadelphia is given credit for starting Mother's Day. Her mother's name was Anna Reeves Jarvis. Ms. Jarvis spent a lot of time and money traveling around the country making speeches about Mother's Day. She also asked people to write letters to their moms even if they lived in the same town. In 1914, President Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day a special day.

**Memorial Day**

School/Care Closed, Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, in honor of Memorial Day. Enjoy a long weekend with your families!

**Garage Sale**

Our annual garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00a.m. -12:00p.m. We will be accepting donated items for sale on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. We plan to price everything on Friday so that we are ready to go early Saturday. There is a sign up sheet in the front office for any volunteers. We will need help pricing on Friday and many volunteers to help on Saturday.

### **Science Fair**

Our annual science fair was a blast! We had a great turnout in the elementary classroom, as the students showed off all of their hard work. The elementary students put in a lot of time and effort into their projects, and we are proud of each one of them.

### **Tumblebus**

Tumblebus will be here throughout the summer! We will let you know which day and times they will be here as soon as we get their schedule.

### **Suzi's Birthday**

The canned food drive for Suzi's Birthday was a huge success. She was thrilled! We donated all of the canned goods to Interfaith Ministries in League City, which was Suzi's charity of choice. Thanks to everyone who participated, she really appreciated it and was very surprised.

### **Sunscreen and Insect Repellent**

As the days get warmer the mosquitoes come out, that means it is time to send in new unexpired insect repellent and sun screen with your child's name on them. Please sign the permission form on the clipboard at the front office. Don't forget to apply sun screen/insect repellent on your child before school. We will re-apply it in the afternoon.

### **Summer Shoes**

Running shoes (tennis shoes) are best for school. We do not advise wearing open toe shoes, boots, sandals, or jellies, it is difficult to run and climb in them. Children who do not wear running shoes may not get on our big toy. Please keep this in mind when dressing your child in the morning and when shopping for shoes.

### **Thanks**

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 quarter we received \$44.98, which goes to our teacher training program. This is one of the many ways that we helped to fund training this year. Thank you for remembering us when you grocery shop!

### **The Child's Purpose**

The child's reasons for, and methods of, working are different from ours. We adults will usually choose to carry out a task in the most efficient and quickest way. A child, on the other hand, is

working to master the activity and to practice and perfect his/her abilities. She may scrub a table for hours, but only when she feels the urge. He may sweep the floor every morning for two weeks and not again for a month because He will be occupied with mastering something else.

If we expected her to keep carrying out every new activity every day, there would be no time for sleep.

There are many physical, emotional and mental values in work. Through these activities the child learns to be independent. There can be no intelligent choice or responsibility at any age without independence in thought and action. She learns to concentrate, to control muscles, to focus, to analyze logical steps and complete a cycle of activity.

It is precisely because of the valuable work in *practical life* that children in Montessori homes and schools are able to concentrate, make intelligent decisions and master the beginnings of other areas of study such as math, language, the arts and the sciences. But the purpose of this work is the inner satisfaction, and the support of the optimum development.

Following a successful, complete cycle of family work, a child becomes calm and satisfied and, because of this inner peace, full of love for the environment and for others.

... "but I know happiness does not come with things. It can come from work and pride in what you do".

Gandhi

### **News from the Classroom of:**

#### **101:**

This month we will talk about Eco Systems (Rain-Desert-Forest) and listen to music by Scott Joplin. Also, May is very important because we will celebrate Mother's Day. We will be making beautiful Mother's Day cards.

#### **102:**

This month we will be learning about different Eco Systems. We will talk about the importance of friendship and will read books by Charlotte Zolotow. Our art will focus on Georgia O'Keefe's work, the oceans and seashores. We will listen to music by Scott Joplin.

**103:**

This month we will be working on our mother's day gift. We will be observing and recording the parts of a flower. We also will be preparing for the end of school while watching the growth of our garden, as well as observing our caterpillars turn into butterflies. Please check the clipboard for needed items for the end school bash. Also, please sign up your child for bug spray and sunscreen. Keep an eye on the peek for upcoming events.

**104:**

This month we will be studying the continent of Africa, art by Mary Cassatt, & gardening by us. We will also be making Mother's Day gifts and enjoying watching our caterpillars emerge into beautiful butterflies. For our classroom, if anyone has pictures of sea life to include in a class collage it would be appreciated. And last but not least please remember your tote bag every Friday. Thank you.

**105:**

Our year is winding down and we are working hard to complete all our lessons. Watch for important dates on end of the year activities. Ask your child about their favorite piece of work this year.

**May Birthday's****102:**

5/08--Hannah Cook

5/17--Pearl Wong

5/17--Howie Wong

5/23--Lance Eader

**104:**

5/04--- Diovanny Ledgister

5/27 -- Connor Schwartz

**105:**

5/18--Ana Paula Guajardo

## May Curriculum

Theme: Eco Systems: Marsh, Desert, Forest, and Rain Forest, Seashore and Oceans

Virtue: Friendship

Continent: Oceans

Author: Charlotte Zolotow, el: Gail Gibbons

Artist: Georgia O'Keefe, Mary Cassatt

Musician/composer: Scott Joplin