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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.



August Calendar

Aug. 19- First day of school
Sept. 2- Labor Day Holiday School/ **Care Closed**
Sept. 3- Elementary Open House
Sept. 5- Preschool Open House
Sept. 2-6- Book Fair
Sept. 10- Infant & Toddler Open House
Sept. 18 - Individual Photos

Themes:	All About me
Author:	Eric Carle el: Scott O'Dell
Artist:	George Seurat
Composer:	Leonard Bernstein
Peacemaker:	Our Peaceful Classroom
Virtue:	Respect

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 quarter we received a check for \$74.42.

Tumblebus

Tumblebus will be out after August 16. 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.



Classroom News:

Room 101:

During the month we will learn parts of the body and names of family members. We'll practice respect for others, personal space, food and belongings. We will look at the globe and see the continents and say their names. We will read Eric Carle books. See George Seurat art and listen to Leonard Bernstein music. Our art will be inspired on George Seurat. Sign language will be walk, hello, good bye, mom and dad.

Ms. Marissa and Ms. Nancy

Room 102:

We're learning all about me! We're learning to respect

each other and the classroom. We're reading books by Eric Carle and Scott O'Dell. We're learning art from artist George Seurat. We're learning music by: musician Leonard Bernstein.

Please bring in a picture of your child, family, grandparents, my favorite food, picture of vacation and my pet by August 9th. Thank you.

We're saying goodbye to Alyson. We are welcoming Edythe and Evan.

Ms. Karla

Classroom News

Room 103:

Wow, the first of the school year is already here and are we ever ready to get started. This month we will be reading books by Eric Carle and Bill Martin, Jr. We will be painting art from the artist George Seurat.

We are asking for only TOTE bags on Fridays. No back packs, due to our limited space. Please also send a small blanket for nap. It needs to fit in a SMALL gallon size bag.

Reminder: We are a nutritional school: a main meal, fresh veggies and fresh fruit along with 100% juice is enough to satisfy a preschooler.

We are also in need of gallon and quart Ziploc bags, any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Ms. Emma and Ms. Twyla



August Birthdays

101:

102:

8/3 Evan King

103:

8/16 Blake Polsen

104:

8/17 Delaney Bonham

105:

Staff:

8/13 Ms. Marissa

Room 104:

Dear 104 Parents:

I hope each of you have had a summer of fun and family time! I have enjoyed time with my own children and teaching student teachers at the Houston Montessori Center. I miss all of the children at South Shore and look forward to seeing everyone soon and hearing about summer adventures.

Author/Artist Study

In August, we will be enjoying books by Eric Carle and Bill Martin, Jr. and studying the art of Van Gogh.

Photo Timelines

We will also be making photo time lines for each student. Please send the first day of school one small photo (no larger than 4x6) for each year of life, including a birth photo that we may keep in the classroom.

Tote Bags

In order to have enough space for each child's things at our wall hooks, please no backpacks in Room 104. Please send only cloth or canvas tote bags on Friday so that we may send home classroom work, art and blankets. If your child naps, please send a blanket small enough to fit in a gallon size bag. Please remember to label all of your child's belongings.

Room 104 cont.

Lunch Kits

Please encourage your child to help make their own lunch each day so that you will be sure they will be eating healthy foods they enjoy. We highly encourage leftovers, whole grains, proteins, fresh fruits, and vegetables and water for drinking.

Thank you!

Ms. Tracia

Room 105:

Summer is almost over! Sports Camp has been so much fun. Not only have we worked on our sports skills but we have focused on teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership. 105 has also worked very hard on keeping our language and math skills sharp with our wonderful Montessori lessons.

We are looking forward to a successful and exciting school year.

Mrs. Harris

Safety News

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

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.



Elementary Dress Code

Shirts: polo style
(three 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.)

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-

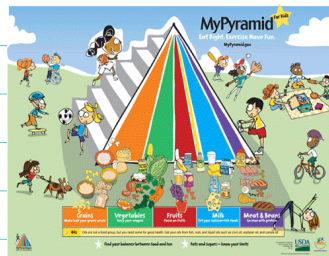
it on your check to indicate that it should not be deposited before the first.

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 (3:30 pickup) students and \$20 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.