

SOUTH SHORE MONTESSORI
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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September Calendar

Sept. 6 Labor Day (No School)
Sept. 7 Scholastic Book Fair
Sept. 21 Preschool Open House
Room 103 6:00-7:00 pm
Room 104 6:30-7:30 pm
(Adults Only)
Sept. 24 Elementary in house Field Trip
Sept. 30 Individual Pictures

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

A Note from Mrs. Howe

We're off to a great start this year! Thanks to all of our wonderful families, the transition into the new school year has been smooth for the teachers and students alike. We hope that everyone is ready for another great year at South Shore Montessori!

PARENT'S ONLY

Preschool Open House will be held on Tuesday, September 21st. Please make plans to come and meet your child's teachers and see your child's classroom. We feel that our Open House will allow you to have a better idea of what your child is doing throughout the day. Room 103 (Ms. Peggy's class) will meet from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Room 104 (Ms. Tracia's class) will meet from 6:30 – 7:30. This is an Adult only event!

PICTURE DAY

Individual pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 30th. Pictures must be paid for in advance. I am enclosing the picture Form to be filled out and returned to the office if you want your child's picture taken.

TUITION EXPRESS

When you sign up for Tuition Express your life will become just a little less hectic. 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! Please turn the paperwork in by the 10th. in order for it to go into effect for the next month. We are attaching a Tuition Express form which you can turn in to the

office. Peace of mind is just around the corner.

DANCE MOBILE

The Full Day Elementary Students are enjoying Dance Mobile on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you Mrs. Howe for providing this wonderful gift. Any Extended Day 105 students who are interested in joining the class, please see the front office.

PENNIES FOR PEACE

We will begin our "Pennies for Peace project on Sept. 21st, International Peace Day. Each child is invited to spend the next month collecting pennies to fill one regular sized mason type jar. Pennies are due Oct. 24th, United Nations Day. These pennies will be used to help build schools in Afghanistan. For more information please check out www.penniesforpeace.org

CELL PHONE DONATIONS

We are collecting old cell phones to donate to our soldier overseas. If you have any you can donate, we will be collecting them during the preschool Open House, or you can leave them with the front office.

SAFETY

When it is not safe for school children in CCISD, it is not safe for our staff to drive. Remember, in case of bad weather, we do follow the CCISD schedule. Listen to the radio or TV for directions. If CCISD is closed, we are closed.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair that was a great success. Thanks to everyone who participated. We now have many new books for each classroom.

TUMBLEBUS

Tumblebus is in full swing. It's never too late to sign your child up! If you would like to sign up for Tumblebus, just fill out a registration form and put it in the box labeled "Tumblebus" 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. All new students, ages two through five, will receive one free class.

PIZZA DAY

Pizza day is EVERY Friday. Please be aware that your child will only eat pizza on Friday if you have paid for it in advance. No “late” payments for pizza will be accepted. As a reminder, the prices for pizza are listed below:

Classrooms 101-104: Ticket = \$15.00

Classroom 105: Ticket = \$20.00

RANDALS#7403

Thank you to everyone that has the Randall's Remarkable card linked to South Shore Montessori (#7403)

Eliminate Distractions Behind the Wheel!

- Buckle up every time: it could save your life!
- Turn your cell phone off!
- If your phone rings let it go to voice mail, pull off the road to a safe place, and return the call.
- Avoid distractions such as eating, texting or changing the radio station while the vehicle is moving.
- If you must take a phone call while driving, use a hands-free device, keep it short and let the caller know you will call them back as soon as you can get to a safe place. Remember, however, that most studies show hands-free devices are of limited value in reducing distractions.
- **Lets all be safe while driving!**
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SHOW-N-TELL

This month for show-n-tell, we will be working on the following sounds:

- ★ Sept. 3rd – “a” like apple
- ★ Sept. 10th – “t” like tack
- ★ Sept. 17th – “f” like finger
- ★ Sept. 24th – “r” like ring

The show-n-tell really makes the sound become more concrete for the students, so

please work with your child to help make the sounds come to life! Please remember toys are not allowed.

From the classroom of:

101:

During the month of September we will be talking about our city and Our Neighborhood, working on grace & courtesy and listening to Beethoven’s music. Our Sign language words are hello and goodbye. Art projects will focus on our community.

102:

This month we will be talking about North America, living/non-living things, listening to Ludwig Van Beethoven and reading books by Patricia Pollaco. Art will be based on the Artist, Mondrian and we will begin learning new sign language skills. We will experiment with land, air and water and teach the meaning and actions of Grace & Courtesy. Our Neighborhood and city will also be part of our lessons during circle time.

103:

Wow! The beginning of school has been wonderful. Everyone got right back into the swing of things and our classroom is really humming along. We have been listening to Beethoven and enjoying his masterpieces. We also have been observing weather changes, and wondering just when the cooler days will start. We’re looking forward to seeing all parents at our Open House on Tuesday, September 21st. Remember this is an Adult only event. Our class will meet from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

104:

This month, we are learning the names of the continents. We will enjoy real photographs of the air, land, and water on earth. We will celebrate Johnny Appleseed’s Birthday and taste three kinds of apples: Red Delicious, Golden Delicious and Green Granny Smith. We will make a graph of the results to find out the class favorite. We will welcome the season of fall by making leaf rubbings from our beautiful trees at home and school. Each student is invited to bring in one fallen leaf to make a crayon rubbing.

Happy Birthday this month to Thomas and Gyan!

105:

September is an exciting month in 105. We began our small group Cultural Lessons. We will study the Creation of the Universe and begin the Marking of Time. The Lower Elementary Students have received lessons on Classification and will begin the Study of the Animal Kingdom. The Upper Elementary Students are continuing to track Tropical Developments and will soon begin work on Plant and Animal Cells. We are looking forward to our in house Field Trip "Sound Science".

Birthdays

102:

9/08 - Diya J Patel

9/10 – Sophia Nardoizzi

103:

9/16 – Nicholas Zhou

9/20 – Jaida Edwards

9/20 – Madison Markum

9/29 – Bhavini Patel

104:

9/10 – Thomas Jardin

9/15 – Gyan Malani

105:

9/15 – Emma Sanders

9/16 - Emilio Cabral

9/22 – Alissa DeLucia

Staff:

9/13 - Ms. Emma

Absorbent Minds

Children between the age of birth and six possess an "absorbent mind". This almost genius capacity for mental absorption enables them to learn their native tongue, to perfect movement and internalize order. Maria Montessori observed that children also experience Sensitive Periods in their development. These are periods of special sensitivity when the child is attracted to certain stimuli in their environment allowing them to acquire certain knowledge and skills. These periods occur universally for all children at approximately the same age and provide the time for optimal development of that particular skill or knowledge.

The 3 to 6 year old child is undergoing a process of self-construction. The application of the Montessori philosophy and the specifically designed Montessori equipment aids the child's ability to absorb knowledge and continue this path of self-construction. There are four main areas in the pre-school program: Practical Life, Sensorial, Language and Mathematics. Considerable emphasis is also placed on Creative Arts, Music, Science, Geography and Cultural Studies. Acquisition of one's own first culture is the child's central developmental drive in the first plane of development.

The pre-primary environment serves this drive abundantly, bringing the world to the child. Globes, maps, songs, land forms, collections of pictures of life in different cultures, and much more, is offered, with the aim of helping the child to grow as an individual appreciating the larger context of his or her world.

September

Theme: Our Neighborhood / Our City

Author: Patricia Pollaco

el: C.S. Lewis

Artist: Mondrian

Composer: Ludwig van Beethoven

Continent: North America

Virtue: Grace & Courtesy

Sign Language: Hello, Goodby

Peacemaker: Our Peaceful Classroom

Misc.: Living/Non Living, Land/Air/Water