

Montessori Farmhouse Courier

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Valentine Bake Sale

We are looking for small handmade treats to be donation for the bake sale.

Please bring your donated treats on Wednesday at pick up and Thursday morning at drop off.

We will have extra staff on hand to assist with your donations.

We will be pre-packaging treats in bags for a "ready to grab bag"

Available on an outside table set up by the office for you to pick up and leave a donation in the jar.



There will be a variety of delicious cookies, bars and other special treats for you and your family to enjoy, so come with your child on Friday and pick up some delicious treats



**Friday
February 12th
2:45-3:30**

If your child is staying for childcare and you are interested in some delicious treats, let us know Friday morning so we may help your child choose a bag and give a donation.

What happens at Child Care?

Child care is a time for children to unwind, to socialize with friends, and spend time outside in nature. After outside enrichment children come inside and get ready for a snack. This is another chance for children to socialize with friends and learn about one another. After snack a variety of activities are offered and free play. After a long day of work and play, the children are always so delighted to greet their parents with hugs and smiles!

Mid-Winter Break

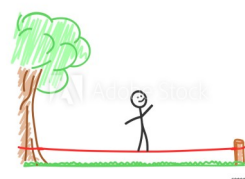
**February 15-19
No School**

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Thank You to....

Bradley and Shannon Davis for putting in our new obstacle course in our upper play area. They children were very excited to climb.



Calendar

*Thursday, February 2nd
Ground Hog Day*

*Monday- Thursday
February 1st-4th
Evening of Lessons 5-6:00pm*

*Friday, February 12th
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
Chinese New Year*

*Friday, February 12th
Valentines Day Bake Sale
2:45-3:30pm*

*Sunday, February 14th
Valentines Day*

*February 15th-19th
Mid-Winter Break:
No School*

*Friday, February 27th
Full Snow Moon*

Re-Enrollment Packets Are Coming Soon!

This year you can expect to receive your child's re-enrollment packet Friday, February 26th



Student Enrollment and Tuition Contract is due by **Friday, March 12th**

Your signed contract will hold your child's placement for the 2021-2022 school year. This will also assist us to know how many openings for new students we will have. First priority will be given to siblings of currently enrolled students. On March 15th, we will begin notifying families on this year's waiting list

offering them placement. If we are not at full capacity at that time we will open enrollment up to the public. We appreciate your cooperation by returning your contract to the office by Friday, March 12th so we can hold your child's placement and open enrollment to those on the waiting list.



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The child can only develop by means of experience in his environment.

We call such experience work.

– Dr. Maria Montessori

THE PRIMARY CHILD'S PURPOSE:

The child's reason for, and way of, working is different from ours. Adults will usually choose to do things the most efficient and quickest way and to rush through or avoid anything labeled work.



A child, on the other hand, is working to master the activity and to practice and perfect their abilities. They may scrub a table each day for weeks, then turn their attention to some other activity to master.



We must not look upon this method as inconsistency or laziness

but rather cumulative mastery of abilities. The child's purpose is not to complete the task as much as to construct the self.



Practical life activities may well be the most important work in the Montessori Primary classroom. By means of these activities the child learns to make intelligent choices, to become physically and then mentally independent and responsible.



They learn to concentrate, to control muscles, to move and act with care, to focus, to analyze logical steps and complete a cycle of activity. They 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 for optimum development.

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



It is the protected period of concentration and focus, uninterrupted by scheduled required groups, that is the hallmark of Montessori education.

This is what heals and fulfills the child, and reveals the true human who naturally exhibits the desire to help others and to make a difference in the world.

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