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WELCOME Parent Orientation Evening



Let's give our new families a warm welcome; the Daniel, Davis, Engstrom, Ferreira, Fredrick, Kipperberg, Klock, Larsen, Muskopf, O'Connor, Rossing, Trujillo, Welsch, and West families.

We'd also like to welcome our newest staff member, Andrea Buchholz, an assistant teacher in the White class making a wonderful addition to our school.

We are so happy to have all of you join our school community!



Our first two events of the year have been a success!

Our Coffee Connection morning on the first day was a nice way to begin our year, getting to meet and connect with some of our new parents. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend and for helping to assemble our

Please join us for our Parent Orientation evening. This will be a parent only informational meeting, you will be given an overview about your child's class, the school and our community here at Montessori Farmhouse School.

Parent Orientation

Thursday, Sept. 7th

6:30-8:00pm.

We will all gather in the Primary White class as a whole community, then Parents and Teachers will separate into your child's classrooms.

Emergency Preparedness Packs.

Our Popsicle Social was also a fun event. The children, with their rosy cheeks, seemed to enjoy cooling off with the popsicles quite a bit.

It is our goal to build a strong community of families here at Montessori Farmhouse



We will go over classroom logistics; arrivals/departures, birthdays, sharing, illnesses, lunches and many more. There will be handouts, articles

and books from our school library if you are interested in more information about the Montessori philosophy.

Please come with any questions or suggestions.

You will also have opportunities to sign up for volunteering. We are looking forward to having all our families volunteer this year. With everyone's help our school can continue to grow and thrive.

School and these types of events are in place to help facilitate families building friendships here and outside of school as well.



Thank You.....

VanderPol Family for the air conditioner over the summer. It kept us all cool and comfortable.

Dicke Family for building our beautiful new balance beam on the playground.

Calendar

Monday, September 4th
Labor Day
No School

Wednesday, September 6th
Full Moon, Corn Moon

Thursday, September 16th
Parent Orientation
6:30-8:00pm

Wednesday, September 20th
Rosh Hashanah,
Begins at sunset

Thursday, September 21st
International Day of Peace

Friday, September 22nd
First Day of Autumn

Friday, September 29rd
Yom Kipper, Begins at sunset

Looking Ahead to October

Saturday, October 7th
Scarecrow Festival

Monday, October 9th
Columbus Day-No School

Thursday, October 26th
Lantern Walk

New to Montessori? -What to Expect

Starting a new year in a Montessori environment is a very exciting time! Here are some things you might expect at the beginning of the new school year.

- The first few days and weeks of school can be stressful for both you and your child. Talk to your child about how they are feeling about going to school and share how you felt on your first days of school. Let your child know that you are proud of them and that they are going to be experiencing so many exciting things every day.
- For a child returning to their same environment, you might ask him or her to relate the things that are the same or different as compared to last year. Are the routines the same, are there new materials on the shelves, did the room change, new teachers. Change for some is difficult so focus on what is unchanged.

- Expect at least a six-week adjustment period in a new setting. There will be days where your child is ready to go to school and then other days where they do not want to go. This is normal, by remaining calm and reflecting your understanding of their feelings will help them to know that it will get better.
- Returning students become role models and leaders for new friends in the classroom. They assist their new friends with learning classroom and playground agreements. They model behavior in social situations; circle time and lining up. They show where things go and where to get supplies. Asking a peer for help is sometimes easier than asking an adult.



I Did Nothing Today

When children come home at the end of the day

The question they're asked as they run out to play

Is "Tell me, what did you do today?"

And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay

"Nothing. I did nothing today!"

Perhaps "Nothing" means that I read a book,

Or...with a directress I got to cook.

Maybe I painted a picture of blue,

Or heard a story about a mouse that flew.

Maybe I wrote in my journal myself,

Or found a great book on the library shelf.

Maybe I helped a friend today,

Or went to my favorite area alone,

Maybe today was the very first time,

That my scissors followed a very straight line,

Maybe I sang a song right to the end,

Or worked with a special brand new friend.

When you're three, four, or five your heart has wings

And "nothing" can mean so many things



The Farmhouse Store

The Farmhouse Store will open on Fridays, starting October 6th. The hours of operation will be every Friday from 12:30-12:45 and 3:00-3:30. Please consider stopping in at the office and do a little shopping with your child.

The Kindergarten children have an opportunity to manage the store.

They learn useful skills in management, counting money, using a calculator, and customer service.

The store is located in the office and is full of wonderful items; art materials, old fashioned toys, lunch box supplies, handmade items made by some of the children, staff and families. There is even after school snacks for you and

your child to take home and enjoy.

All the proceeds go back into the school program providing valuable materials for our school and outside environment.

