



The Adventurer



Montessori Adventure School

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one-time or monthly tuition amount toward next year's sponsorship fund, please alert me.

The size of our classes does depend on the age of the children involved. Children 18-24 months old require a ratio of one staff member for each four children, while 2-3 year olds need one for each six children. The "Children's House" varies because children may range from just under 3 to 6½ years of age, and also must have a larger number of returning children than the incoming toddler and new children in order to function in an appropriate Montessori way.

I have also found in my years of experience that when parents pay a registration fee, they are serious about having their children enroll even if it takes them some extra time to pay their deposit.

I have also had some questions about our summer program. I am happy to announce that Colleen S. will be here for children over the summer. We usually have had some June "fun" classes, too. If you would like to teach something like a language, music, art, craft, or yoga, please let me know, as we need to survey our parents' interest in these possibilities soon.

The two-week August summer camp under my leadership will begin August 17th, with its Monday-Thursday sessions open to not only the new preschoolers who are required to attend but also to preschool class veterans and even our kindergarten graduates who want a quick brush-up before the new school year begins. This is a time, too, for incoming children to master toilet training. There will be lots of outside time, and while

Founder's Forum

Dear Parents,

If there are still any parents with questions about the programs I run here as "head of school," who would like to schedule a time to observe a session, or have questions or need individualized payments set up to be able to afford our 2009-2010 tuition, please speak to me at once.

Over the years there have been several people who have donated large and small amounts to our sponsorship fund. All names are kept confidential, but these donors, if wished, have their names posted on our donor plaques. If you are able to donate a

there may be accidents, there are pals around to encourage staying dry. Children new to the preschool will have a week of Introductory Sessions, Aug. 31 - Sept. 4.

If these rather lengthy descriptions didn't answer your particular concerns, please schedule a time with the office for us to talk.

Sincerely,

Emily Forstin

Preschool - Kindergarten News

Dear Parents,

The children seem to have learned many things about our two famous presidents, voting for a good class leader, and what it means to both campaign and be judged presidential by your peers. A few children stopped behaviors quickly when a pal told them they weren't being presidential. I almost hate to move on, but spring is coming.

Before it arrives I always include St. Patrick's Day. As the Irish flag has both orange and green, it's a great time to start color mixing of the primary colors of red, yellow, and blue. The children also enjoy hearing leprechaun (Irish elf) stories, considering what living on an island or in a castle would be like, and tasting tea and cucumber sandwiches on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, when we should all wear green clothing.

If you have Irish objects, a toy castle, or tea treats to share, let me know. I would also welcome information on how the Hindu New Year is celebrated on March 27th. Perhaps we could honor that day, too. Memorial Florists will be giving the children a lesson about flowers and the children will be making fresh flower bouquets to bring home. It would be delightful to have a Hindi snack that day. Spring is coming,

Fondly,
Emily

Toddler Talk

Dear Parents,

As we enter March, we hope there's no more snow because the children are ready for spring! I want to remind parents of three-year olds to register for the preschool classroom as soon as possible as this class fills quickly.

Thank you to Shreyas R. for the gluesticks and vases donated in honor of his birthday. I think the Valentine's Day party was a great success. The children are showing some unique qualities, taking on leadership roles, helping each other and talking about their work. Mrs. C and I are very happy to see this. Their maturity level and developmental and social skills are improving as they grow. It's nice to see how much they've grown into a class, a caring class, which makes transitions easier. I hope you see at home their progress, how much they are learning who they are and what they are capable of doing.

Welcome Ian and Gavin to our MWF class.

Happy Spring!
Eileen V.

Winterwear

Although we're all eager for spring to begin, it is a fact that cold weather can linger in Wisconsin until April. Please be sure your children have warm outdoor wear, including hats, mittens, snowpants and, especially, boots. As the snow melts away, springtime mud appears and we want to keep indoor shoes clean.

Happy Birthday!

Mateo T. – March 1
Rishika B. – March 27
Tori M. – March 31



Mark Your MARCH Calendars:



MARCH 6 (FRI) – PAC FIELD TRIP FOR
PRESCHOOLERS AND KINDERGARTENERS
“Miss Bindergarten”

Preschool Field Trip



“Miss Bindergarten”

Friday, March 6th

Fox Cities PAC

9:30 am

“Miss Bindergarten, the famous teaching dog, is a master of fun and games – and everyone in her class of animal students has a name that starts with a different letter. Based on the books by Joseph Slate and featuring favorite tales from the series, this zany show combines laughter with learning the ABCs.”

Running time: 60 minutes

The school reserved 50 tickets for preschoolers and their parents to attend. A sign-up sheet was posted in the lobby. Parents and their children should meet in the lobby of the PAC at least 15 minutes before showtime, unless you have arranged a carpool at the school. Please note the PAC does not allow “babies in arms” in the theater. Parents of PLUS children, please let the staff know if your child will be returning to the school for the afternoon.

Some parents of older toddlers have asked about attending this show. The PAC is not taking any additional group reservations, but individual tickets may still be available for \$5 each. Contact the PAC directly if you are interested in purchasing additional tickets. Seating probably would not be with the preschool group. MWF Toddler parents, if you do attend the show, be sure to let Mrs. V. or Mrs. C. know!

Thank YOU!

♥ To the family of Melia W. for the donation of four picture books in honor of her birthday.

♥ To the family of Aidan M. for the donation of a book in honor of his birthday.

♥ To the family of Shreyas R. for the donation of gluesticks and vases in honor of his birthday.

Looking Ahead: April 2009

April 6-13 (Mon-Mon) Spring Break
No School for Preschool & Toddler
April 10 & 13 (Fri & Mon) Spring Fling
No School for PLUS Children
Professional Day for Staff
April 14 (Tues) Classes resume

Summer School Teachers Wanted!

Do you have a special skill or talent (art, music, language) you'd be willing share by teaching a summer class, 2 or 3 mornings a week for a week or two? Let Emily Forslin know!