



# The Adventurer



Montessori Adventure School

April 2009

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## School Staff

### Head of School & Directress

Emily R. Forslin

### Toddler Teacher

Eileen V.

### Toddler Assisting Teacher

Buffy C.

### Preschool Assisting Teachers

Ann B.

Stephanie G.

### Plus Assisting Teacher

Colleen S.

### Preschool Substitute

Janet H.

### Office Staff

Anne Z. Office Manager

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### Parent Advisory Board

Jennifer L. – Chairman

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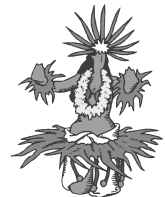
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Dawn D. – At Large

children also enjoy digging, sweeping, washing, and polishing. We'll post a sign-up for you to let us know when you can come and what you are able to do. As Colleen will be here during our Spring Break with our "Plus" children, you're welcome to come any of those days with your child to work on a project, too.

Speaking of the vacation break, please be aware that our school will be closed Monday, April 13 (even though the Appleton school district decided to open) because it is our staff professional day and we will be visiting area schools.

Looking ahead to our Mother's Day Party, the theme will be Hawaiian, complete with food, dance, songs, volcanoes, sea life, and the tropics. In the past, parents supplied the food using several of the many recipes I have, and the party was at a nature center. I have found a banquet hall in Kaukauna with a garden which can be rented. Does anyone know of any place closer or know a caterer willing to make Hawaiian food? I'm being pressed to make a quick decision.



Lastly, if you would like a sheet of possible activities to do at home with your child over spring break, just check the box on the survey sheet which will also ask what activities you would enjoy having your child attend here 2, 3 or 5 days in June.

Hoping for a warm spring,

*Emily Forslin*

## Founder's Forum

Dear Parents,

I think we were all happy to see the first day of spring arrive accompanied by several days of sunny weather. As our "Plus" program will continue to run through the entire summer, gardening ideas and help would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you have seeds or plants to share, please let us know. It could be both exciting and instructive for our children to be able to eat something here that they helped grow. Flowers, too, add awareness and beauty, but

## Preschool - Kindergarten News

Dear Parents,

Probably everyone noticed that preschool children were unable to eat much lunch March 17<sup>th</sup> because of the outpouring of delicious "tea" treats and "coin" candy that arrived for our St. Patrick's Day Tea. Some children even enjoyed drinking tea, but, in order to decide, all children bravely tried a sip or two after they watched part of a Riverdance video. We all had a great time. Thanks to all the helping hands.

While many children are bringing home finished work or reading material to practice each Friday, some children rarely ever bring anything home. Please be assured that if your child did nothing here day after day, we would be having a mini-conference. There are several children who are busy scrubbing tables, building sensorial shapes, laying out geography puzzles or letters to make words, or counting the beads in the teens chains or the chains in the squared or cubed roots – activities that do not have any papers to show the materials that are capturing their interest and time. Are they busy learning concepts? Yes, and many days everyone is learning how to be kinder and more peaceful, respectful, and caring of themselves, others, and even things around them. It's the way the Montessori Method touches not just parts but the whole child's development.

Happy Spring,  
Emily

### Lateness Alert

Do you realize when you are 10 or more minutes late in arriving that your child usually takes an additional half hour to find a task or even an hour wandering because "No one will let me join them - they have a friend already!?" Let's all smooth away the problems which lead to lateness to give each precious child the best possible start to his or her school day.

## Toddler Talk

As our little classroom is getting closer to the end of the school year, the children are loving the great outdoors and are excited to see the sun again. They're using nice words, showing interest in helping each other and using a lot of teamwork skills. And we are almost all potty-trained. In the classroom, we're learning nursery rhymes and Thumbkin songs. We are also cooking now. The children mix the ingredients for the adults to put into the oven. The children are using the skills they have learned, including tonging, stamping, gluing, tearing, cutting bananas, washing dishes, and changing "babies" (dolls). Please continue to work on these skills as well as manners at home. The three main concepts in manners are *when* to say "please," "thank you" and "you're welcome." We would like to see these skills mastered by the end of the year.

Remember that Spring Break is from Monday, April 6 to Monday, April 13. There will be no classes those days. We hope Diya's family has a safe and comfortable trip back to India and we wish her the best. And in April we will welcome a new friend, Gracie, to our Toddler room.

Happy Spring!  
Eileen V.

BOOK ORDER – We are happy to order any Montessori book you are interested in purchasing from our Montessori suppliers.

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## Happy Birthday!

- Riya R. – April 2
- Dolly T. – April 18



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# Thank YOU!

- ♥ To the family of Mateo T. for the donation of a book in honor of his birthday.
- ♥ To the Parent Advisory Board for paying for the Flowers for Kids program.
- ♥ To the family of Morgan L. for donating Mexican items to the Toddler class.
- ♥ To the family of Diya J. for the snack time floral centerpiece.

## Spring Cleanup

We will once again be having our annual spring cleanup day in late April or early May. Bring your children for a practical life lesson in the great outdoors. Raking, weeding, trimming, maybe some painting, and – best of all – planting new life on the school grounds. Keep an eye out for more information on the lobby bulletin board or in your cubbies.



## Mark Your Calendars:



April 1<sup>st</sup> – First Deposits Due  
for 2009-2010 Preschool/Kindergarten

April 6-13<sup>th</sup> – SPRING BREAK  
No School for Pre/K & Toddlers

April 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – SPRING FLING  
No School for PLUS children

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Second Deposits Due  
for Preschool/Kindergarten  
and Toddler/PLUS Deposits Due  
for 2009-2010 school year

## REMINDER

**First Deposits are due by April 1<sup>st</sup> to hold your child's place in the school for next fall. Please be aware that we have a waitlist of hopeful families and enrollment cannot be guaranteed without the appropriate deposits being paid, in addition to the Registration Fee paid in February.**

Toddler and Plus children pay one month's tuition (2009-2010 rates) in advance for May 2010; Preschool and Kindergarten children pay two months' tuition (2009-2010 rates) in advance for April and May 2010. See the 2009-2010 Tuition Rate sheet for amounts.

## Looking Ahead: May 2009

APRIL/MAY TBA – SPRING CLEANUP

MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> – MOTHER'S DAY PARTY  
(FRI) PARTY HOURS/LOCATION TBA

MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – MEMORIAL DAY  
(MON) NO SCHOOL ALL CHILDREN

MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
(WED) FOR MWF TODDLERS

MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR  
(THUR) PRESCHOOL & TUTH TODDLERS

MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> – SCHOOL PICNIC  
(FRI) PLAMANN PARK 10AM-2PM  
KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION