



The Adventurer

Montessori Adventure School

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need to probably meet there, bringing our home-prepared food with us, but they would certainly provide use of their site set-up and serving staff at a very small cost. We will need a quick sign-up to count the size of our group and then I will post recipes to help you decide what to bring. We may also need some drivers if we determine that a practice date for the class performance is needed before the 8th.

Looking farther ahead, outside and inside spring cleaning help is always welcome, as well as planning help for our end of the school year picnic on May 29th. Hopefully, all our families can attend this annual event at which we recognize all our children, toddlers on up, and give special congratulations to our graduating kindergarteners Cole I., Isabel L., Isabella B., and Vani S., and thanks to 5-year olds Mihir U., Nikhil R., and Ria P. who joined them for a kindergarten preview. We also will have a chance to offer fond farewells to families and staff members who will not be back next year, including Stephanie G. who is starting a unique special-needs daycare, Haven of Hope, with her mother, and Buffy C. who will assist them with the children.

I think you will agree that this has been a full and amazing year that will continue through the summer for our Plus children with the weekly presence of Colleen S., and possibly include other children in June with special Spanish and yoga sessions.

Sincerely,

Emily Forslin

Founder's Forum

Dear Parents,

I'm sure you all join me in hoping that the return of balmy weather is here to stay. With this hope in mind, I am visiting the Precious Memories establishment to see their gathering areas and gardens. While it is small and used mainly for one adult party or wedding at a time, with no playground per se, it does have a wishing well, a gazebo, room to eat inside or out, and open upper and lower areas with stairs to climb, as well as a stage-like area on which to perform. Seeing that we have many veteran families we would

Preschool - Kindergarten News

Dear Parents,

As I continue to take careful observations of our Children's House as a whole community and then over each week's time watch each one of the children, I am aware that much growth has taken place. All the children seem to be able to handle their life together here with greater calm, self-direction and peaceful interactions. Of course, there are rare flare-ups but they are quickly extinguished with a hug, reminder, or listening ear. There is a stronger willingness to finish challenging, long, or even messy tasks and no one seems to get upset if a task doesn't turn out as hoped and must be either put away or redone.

What this kind of growth means is: children are able to easily fit into other kinds of groups; children are undaunted by difficult lessons; children are confident enough to retry to do work if requested; and children have investigated many different areas in the room and have found the joy of discovery in many materials.

I hope you will agree with me that this kind of character achievement is ultimately more important than all the many countries, mineral names, phonograms, and math facts that you child may have learned this year because learning to successfully handle change and be willing and even eager to embrace what's "new" is crucial.

This means that the goals and intentions of the Montessori methods I have tried to meet have born much fruit and that gives me joy.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, you will see the songs, gifts, and special information about rocks, volcanoes, islands, and Hawaii that seem to be bringing the children joy, too.

Fondly,
Emily

Toddler Talk

Dear Toddler Parents,

As the school year approaches its end, the children are finishing up their lessons and loving the outside. We are enjoying the picnics we are having during our snack times. The children get to ride bikes, play ball, swing on the swings, and some friends are even playing ring-around-the-rosy. They are really enjoying sharing with one another and helping each other out in the classroom. Almost everyone is potty-trained now. In the class, they are using stamping pads, tearing and gluing, and they take pride in their work.

As you know, we are having a Toddler Tea Party on May 6th at 10:00am.



Class will still be going on, but please have children dress in their "Sunday best" clothes. Parents should bring their cameras when they join us. The school is having a Mother's Day Party for all families on Friday, May 8th, at 10:00 at an off-school site. There will be no regular class hours at school that day.

⇒ **Please send a plain white t-shirt in with your child as soon as possible for a school project. Be sure to write your child's name on it. Thank you!**

Happy Spring!
Eileen V.

Mother's Day Party

Friday, May 8th,
10:00am – 1:00pm



Precious Memories
1913 Crooks Ave.
Kaukauna

Quick Directions: Take Hwy 441 to the College Ave./CE exit. Follow CE eastbound about 4 miles to Rte. 55. Turn left (north) onto Rte. 55 -Crooks Ave. and go 4/5 of a mile to Precious Memories.

ATTENTION

Any Preschool* family who has not yet paid the first deposit, due April 1st, has put their child's place in the class in jeopardy! Please speak to Perry Lou or Mrs. Forslin at once to alert us to your intentions.

Second Deposits* are due by May 1st 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.

*Plus children and Toddlers pay one deposit due by May 1st.



FURTHER ATTENTION!

CHILDREN NEW TO THE PRESCHOOL CLASS IN THE FALL:

The two week **SUMMER CAMP** in August, Aug 17-20 and Aug 24-27, 9:00-noon is mandatory for children new to the Preschool classroom. This *includes* children who have "graduated" from the MWF Toddler Class. Returning preschoolers are welcome and encouraged to come, too. Cost: \$140
(included in Plus tuition)

The **INTRODUCTORY PRESCHOOL SESSION**, Aug 31-Sept 4, 9:00am-noon, is for new Preschoolers (mandatory) and Plus children only. Cost: \$95
(included in Plus tuition)

If you are enrolling a first-time preschooler, be sure to sign up for these two programs.

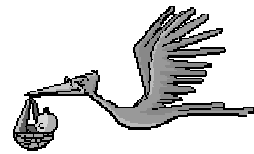
See Emily Forslin if you any questions about these programs.

Happy Birthday!



- Cole I. – May 9
- Tessa P. – May 12
- Isabel L. – May 16
- William H. – May 18
- Diya J. – May 20

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!



AAMENAH MARIUM J.

BORN MARCH 30, 2009 TO JOANNA AND TAHA J. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROUD PARENTS AND BIG SISTER, ZAHRA!

Thank YOU!


♥ To the family of Mateo T. for the donation of a book in honor of his birthday.

♥ To the family of Dolly T. for the donation of art supplies in honor of her birthday.

♥ To the Parent Advisory Board for arranging and paying for the Flowers for Kids event.

Help Needed: Tools & expertise to fix the dripping faucet in the downstairs bathroom. See Emily if you can help.

Parent Advisory Board News:

- Calling all parents: Is your child returning in the fall? If so, why not use your talents to serve on the Parent Advisory Board. Please contact Jennifer L. for more information
- Keep an eye out for our annual spring cleanup day! 
- WANTED: The use of a trailer for a few hours to haul yard waste. Let Jennifer L. know if you have one we can use.



School Picnic
Friday, May 29
10:00am-
2:00pm

You don't want miss this year's School Picnic! We'll have food, playground time, a near-by petting zoo, and of course, the children's program and Kindergarten Graduation. So, bring your food (side dishes and desserts – big sub sandwiches are provided), your sunscreen, and your cameras! Watch for more details as the date approaches, such as food and set-up sign-up sheets, a map of the park and the pavilion, and directions.



Look around your house!
Books checked out of the office library are due back now. Please put them in the office cubby.

Mark Your Calendars:



May 1st – Second Deposits Due

May 6th (Wed) – Toddler Tea Party 10:00am
(Dress up – Regular class hours)

May 8th (Fri) – Mother's Day Party 10:00am-1:00pm at Precious Memories, Kaukauna

May 15th – Payment due for Summer Camp and Introductory Preschool Session

May 25th (Mon) – Memorial Day: No School All Children

May 27th (Wed)– Last day of school for MWF Toddlers

May 28th (Thur) – Last day of school for Preschool & TuTh Toddlers

May 29th (Fri) – School Picnic at Plamann Park Pavilion 10:00am-2:00pm
Kindergarten Graduation.

Looking Ahead!
Summer 2009

JUNE SPECIALTY PROGRAMS – TBA

JUNE 29-JULY 3 – SCHOOL CLOSED (NO PLUS)

AUGUST 17-20, 24-27 (MON-THUR) – SUMMER CAMP FOR ALL NEW PRESCHOOLERS, OPTIONAL FOR RETURNING PRESCHOOLERS

AUG 31-SEPT 4 (MON-FRI) – INTRODUCTORY PRESCHOOL SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN NEW TO THE PRESCHOOL

SEPT 8-11 (TUE - FRI) – ORIENTATION WEEK FOR ALL CHILDREN