
The Adventurer



Montessori Adventure School

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all summer, there is interest in specialty classes in the month of June combining with outside playtime. Zahra's mom Joanna, is willing to offer nine sessions (MWF) of either Moms and kids or kids-only Yoga. Six sessions (TuTh) of Cooking and Spanish seem possible. I am also seeking both art and music teachers and am happy to hear of any contacts you could suggest because I am putting the schedule sign-up together now.

Parents willing to help with spring clean-up tasks, like window-washing, touch-up painting, rug cleaning, or yard work, will find a sign-up sheet in their cubbies which can be signed and turned in. Any donated tasks or money do help keep our tuition rates as low as we can manage to make them.

As the end of each school year approaches, I always have combined feelings of joy, delight, gratitude, and sadness. The children always impress me with their growth in both expected and unexpected ways. Their affection touches me every day. Also, becoming friends with all the parents that are part of our Montessori family this year and knowing several of them and their children will not be returning make our remaining time together special. However, alumni parent, Angela J., is planning a summer picnic time when "grads" and current families could reconnect.

Then there's my wonderful staff, Ann, Stephanie, Eileen, Buffy, and Colleen, with Anne and Perry Lou in the office, and our volunteer board of Jennifer L., Jennifer T., Barb M., Gloria M., and Dawn D., all of whom enrich our lives.

My most heartfelt farewells (and probably yours, too) will go to little Elena,

Founder's Forum

Dear Parents,

With memories of our wonderful Montessori Hawaiian luau and personal Mother's Day celebration still fresh, we now must look forward to planning another enjoyable time together at the school year's final event, our picnic at Plamann Park Pavilion. The children have so enjoyed learning about Hawaii that we hope to repeat our luau program for you. Also, our food was so great that if you want to repeat some of the same dishes to bring to the picnic, please do.

While our Plus program with Miss S. will continue with the 7:30am-5:00pm hours

who captured all our hearts as we watched her almost daily growth this year. All I all, I have had another amazing year here at our Adventure School. I hope you have, too.

Fondly,

Emily Forstin

Preschool - Kindergarten News

Dear Parents

We are ending the year with a wide variety of work cycles, bursts of activities, and even amazing new interests. Perhaps the sudden changes in weather are reflected in our classroom.

Some days most of the children seem like busy bees, polishing, scrubbing and dusting many things in their environment while others are counting long chains of beads, or engaging in lengthy discussions over how language cards should be played or action cards acted out when read. Then there are quiet days when children seem tired at first, but finally concentrate on careful printing, shared reading, countless pictures, maps, and biology or land form parts, booklets filled in, while the chairs at the sound table continue to be occupied with children ready for new "work" – and the morning seems to end too soon.

Seeing such growth and interest by the children on such high levels makes end of the school year seem too soon, too. But our picnic and our relaxed June summer sessions are coming and our August Summer Camp welcomes both graduates and returning preschoolers.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic, enjoying the great food, and watching the children perform.

Happy summer days are sure to come.

Fondly,
Emily

Reminder:

All library books and home study materials must be returned NOW.



Toddler Talk

Dear Parents,

The year has finally come to an end. It is hard to believe the year has gone so fast for Mrs. C. and me. I hope you have enjoyed watching your children grow with the Montessori Method. They have all done well, blossoming into bright, inquisitive children. Make sure over the summer that they do not forget the lessons they have learned here.

I hope you are happy and satisfied with their progress. I feel the older children have all reached their mark and are ready for the Preschool Room. I know they will do well there. My door is always open for them to say hello or to talk.

I'd like to thank Mrs. C. for her dedication and hard work. We had a lot of fun watching the children grow. You will be missed. I wish you a positive journey in your life to come.

Please remember the School Picnic at Plamann Park at 10am on May 29th. Some of you I will see in the classroom again next year. For those moving on, it's been a pleasure to get to know you and your family. Thank you for letting me into your world.

Have a great summer,
Eileen V.

Lost & Found

Please check the Lost & Found items in the lobby for anything your child may have left here. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

FROM THE OFFICE:

Summer Campers New to Preschool



Forms for your child's file should be returned to the school **NO LATER THAN** the beginning of the first day of attendance at Summer Camp. Your child can not be left at the school without the required records. Children who were in the Toddler class need to complete a new CFS-62 Child Care Enrollment for the Preschool class and update any of the other forms that may have changed (e.g., immunizations, allergies, medications, etc.).

If you need state forms, they are available in the box in the lobby or they can be downloaded from:

http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/licensed/forms_numeric.htm

(Note: Some forms have been recently re-numbered and may have additional zeroes, such as "CFS-0062" or the letters "DCF-F-" added.)

- **CFS-62 Child Care Enrollment**
- **CFS-2345 Health History and Emergency Care Plan** (please note allergies or food restrictions)
- **CFS-60 Child Health Report** (signed by medical provider)
- **CFS-59 Authorization to Administer Medication** (required for sunscreen and insect repellent!) Forms must have specific beginning and end dates of no more than one year.
- **DPH 4192 Immunization Record** (a computer printout from your doctor's office is acceptable; use this form, though, if your child is not on schedule)

NOTE: The school's Office Manager, Anne Z., will be out of the country from May 24th through June 7th. If you need a tax receipt for a 2009 donation, wish to turn in your child's enrollment forms, or have any other office-related items you'd like taken care of *before* the end of the school year, please e-mail anne@montessoriadventure.com or stop by the office before Tuesday, May 19th. Enrollment Forms may be mailed to the school during the summer.



School Treasurer, Perry Lou S. will still be here during the last week of school to answer any money-related questions.



REMINDER:

CHILDREN NEW TO THE PRESCHOOL CLASS IN THE FALL:

The two week **SUMMER CAMP** in August, Aug 17-20 & Aug 24-27 (M-Th), 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-Sep 4 (M-F), 9:00am-noon, is for new Preschoolers (mandatory) and Plus children only.
Cost: \$95 (*included in Plus tuition*)

If you are enrolling a child in the Preschool Class for the first time, be sure you have signed up and paid for these two programs.

See Emily Forslin if you any questions about these programs. IMPORTANT NOTE: If your child is unable to attend, a later start in September will have to be arranged.

**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!

A sign-up sheet for food will be posted in the lobby. Directions and a map of the park are included with this newsletter.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR KINDERGARTEN
GRADUATES:**



- ☆ Cole I.
- ☆ Isabel L.
- ☆ Isabella B.
- ☆ Vani S.

and to the five-year olds who finished the year with them:
Mihir, Nikhil, and Ria

Happy Birthday!

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- June 20 – Eryn L.
- August 9 – Justin K.
- August 12 – Lillian W.
- August 15 – Elias S.




**Thank
YOU!**

- ♥ To Trish S. for donating activities for the downstairs room throughout the year.
- ♥ To Elizabeth B. for donating potting soil and flowers for our planters.
- ♥ To Jennifer L. for donating wooden hangers for the lobby.
- ♥ To the Toddler parents for bringing in T-shirts, for working on manners and potty-training at home, and for coming to the Mother's Day party.


The Parent Advisory Board announces:

Spring Clean-Up Day!
Monday, May 18
8:45-11:30am



Stay for the morning and join others in helping to make our school an even better place for your children!

Rain Date: Tuesday, May 19



Check the bulletin board and/or your cubbies for dates and sign-up sheets for the following activities:

1. End-of-Year Picnic
2. Clean-Up Days
3. Summer Yoga Classes
4. Other Summer Specialty Classes



Mark Your Calendars:



May 18 (Mon) – Clean-Up Day
[Rain Date: Tuesday, May 19]

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.

June 8-26 -- Specialty Programs

June 29-July 3 – School Closed (no Plus)

August 17-20 & 24-27 (Mon-Thu) –
Summer Camp for All New Preschoolers
(optional for returning preschoolers &
graduates)

Aug 31-Sept 4 (Mon-Fri) – **Introductory
Preschool Sessions** for Children New to
the Preschool (Plus attend)

Sept 8-11 (Tue - Fri) – Orientation Week for
all children, including a special start day
for each toddler

Looking Ahead: September 2009

SEPT 8-11 (TU-FRI) – Orientation Week
(all students – special schedule)

SEP 10 (THUR) – *Parent & Staff Education
Meeting 7:00pm (with sitter if needed)

SEP 14 (MON) – First day of Regular Class
Schedule

TBA – LATER IN MONTH: **“FALL KICK-OFF”
(all parents school meeting) 7:00 PM

*Parents are expected to attend both of these important
informational evening events.