

OCTOBER

Montessori School of Sonoma



Important Dates:

October 10th:

**School Closed -
Teacher Work Day**

October 13th:

Open House

October 28th:

Harvest Party

November 11th:

**School Closed -
Veteran's Day**



*"The greatest gifts we
can give our children
are the roots of
responsibility and the
wings of independence."*

-Maria Montessori

Open House: This year we will be hosting Open House in person! Please join us to hear about what the children have been, and will be, learning in their classrooms, their daily routines, and what to expect this year as a parent. Come with questions regarding anything pertaining to your child's classroom as a whole. We look forward to gathering together to share more details about what happens at school. Please see the times for your child's class below:

Toddler: 4:30 PM

Primary: 4:30 PM

Childcare Enrichment: 5:30

School Wide Reminders:

Emergency Alerts:

Please be on the look out for a TEST emergency alert text from school. We want to make sure you get the message in the unfortunate case of emergency.

School Clothes:

If your child comes home in spare school clothes, please remember to return them along with some of their own extra clothes to keep at school.

Labels:

Please be sure to label all parts and pieces that are being sent to school including removable clothing and lunchbox parts. For example, if a container has a lid that can be removed, please label both the container as well as the lid.

Harvest Party:

On October 28th we are excited to be bringing back our Harvest Party! All Montessori families are invited to join us for this fun evening. Dinner will begin around 5pm. This is an event for the whole family giving opportunities to meet and connect with other Montessori families. Costumes are encouraged for parents and children, but not required. Hope to see you all there!

Fire Drills:

This month we will be doing some fire drills. If your child comes home with stories about the fire alarm, you can ask them what they need to do when they hear the alarm to exercise their memory for school. We also encourage you to talk about the plan you have for home in case of emergency.

Community Helpers:

We will be hosting community helpers in the month of October! We have invited Firefighters, a Physician, Police Officers, and Waste Management Professionals to come and talk with the children about their profession and how they serve our community. We hope to learn about their everyday tasks, their involvement in the community, and what we can do ourselves to contribute and thrive in our Valley of the Moon.

Congratulations!!

Please help us to congratulate our two recent newlyweds. We are so happy for both Cara and Natasha and their spouses as they embark on this next adventure together.

Infant Corner:



Hello Families,

Fall is here and we welcome all our new faces to class! A change of clothes is almost needed daily, because of the wet years. We love seeing the kids exploring in the dirt and fully comfortable out in nature, but we make sure they get cozy and dry when we come back inside the classroom.

When new friends come to class we start by making sure they feel as comfortable and safe as possible. One year olds socialize by making eye contact, smiling, and handing objects back and forth. These simple acts are the foundation for much larger communication and healthy language development later on.

Kids at this early stage are learning empathy and the building blocks for their future social relationships. We are so excited to start that journey with them and see their friendships grow.

One way we connect is through songs. The hand movements we incorporate are quickly mimicked by the class and are an example of a group activity building community in our classroom. A few current favorites are "The Wheels on the Bus", "Row, Row Your Boat", and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star".

Thank you for following the Health Policy as it keeps the class, staff, and all families as healthy as possible. Also, a reminder that school will be closed Monday Oct. 10th for a Teacher Work Day.

Please never hesitate to ask us any questions about your child's time with us!

-Katherin & Karina



Toddler Corner:



We are off to a great start! The children are settling comfortably into the classroom routine. We are all learning the ground rules of our classroom; for example, sitting in a circle, choosing work, carrying work, cleaning up after oneself, walking inside and using our words. These rules exist to keep our class in order, to clarify expectations and to keep everyone safe. With these, the children are able to move freely, which allows for independence, coordination, order and concentration. All which lead to self-confidence, self-control and patience.

Our Open House is this month. Toddler Open House is Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 pm. We will be sharing with you our schedule, school policies, school events and answer any questions you may have. Adults only please :) And remember this meeting is about our Toddler class as a whole. We will have parent/teacher conferences in November to talk specifically about your child.

Friday October 28th is our Harvest Party. This is our fall celebration. We encourage all to come in costume, the whole family is invited. This gathering will be a potluck. A sign up email will be out soon. Please sign up and bring something to share!

Here is a great song for Fall!

In the Fall (to the tune of "She'll Be Comin' Around the Mountain")

When the leaves are red and yellow in the fall

When the leaves are red and yellow in the fall

When the leaves are red and yellow then the apples taste so mellow

When the leaves are red and yellow in the fall

Noisy crows are flying all day in the sky, caw caw

Noisy crows are flying all day in the sky, caw caw

Noisy crows are flying all day, Mister Scarecrow says, "You go away"

Noisy crows are flying all day in the sky, caw caw

Little pumpkins are growing in the sun, so big

Little pumpkins are growing in the sun, so big

Little pumpkins are growing Jack-O-Lanterns will be glowing

Little pumpkins are growing in the sun, so big

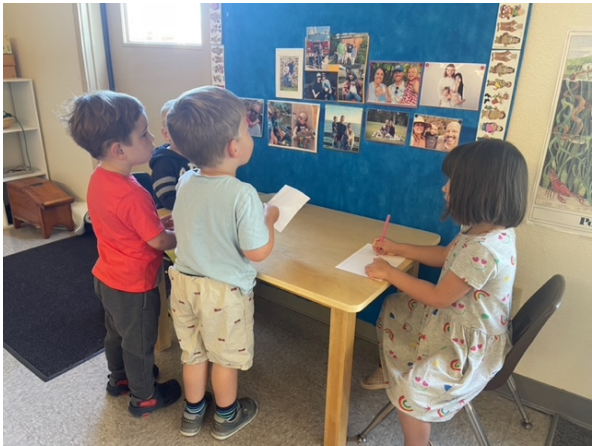
-Christine & Cara

Primary Corner:

Dear families,

Both groups, our morning and afternoon Primary students, had a strong start of the school year. It takes about 4-6 weeks for individuals to come together and form one big community and your children are well ahead of this timing. There is so much to learn and learning is what they are all eager to do.

Moving into October we broaden the self representation and reflection to all of their family members, their home lives and neighborhoods. Please, bring in a FAMILY PHOTO to be added to our wall. Every day



the children stop by to look and to share their families with their friends.

We have noticed that children come to school very tired. They yawn frequently and even lay down before our work time has started. A GOOD NIGHT SLEEP, somewhere around 12 hours, is necessary for this age. Please help them be successful during their time at school.

Accessories, such as necklaces, bracelets and watches are treasures for the children and need to stay home. These items tend to distract and diminish their focus and concentration. In addition, we

like to stay away from competition and comparison at this stage of development.

Please, be aware of your child's clothing being neutral and free from commercial characters such as action figures, power heroes, princesses, etc. These unspoken and stereotypical messages of how to be, how to look, and what to do is not supportive of the child's inner self. Here, we are interested in your child's true personality and character and we provide an environment that gives them time to explore and discover their own interests and values.

We look forward to spending an evening with you on October 13th. Rachel and I are passionate about Montessori education and we love to share with you how we apply the Montessori Method on a daily basis. Maria Montessori has given us a 3 year curriculum with each year presenting an important building block for your child's love of learning. We will talk about that as well. There will be time for Q&A as well.

Happy autumn, 🍁🍂

-Barbara and Rachel



Childcare Enrichment Corner:



Dear Childcare Enrichment Families,

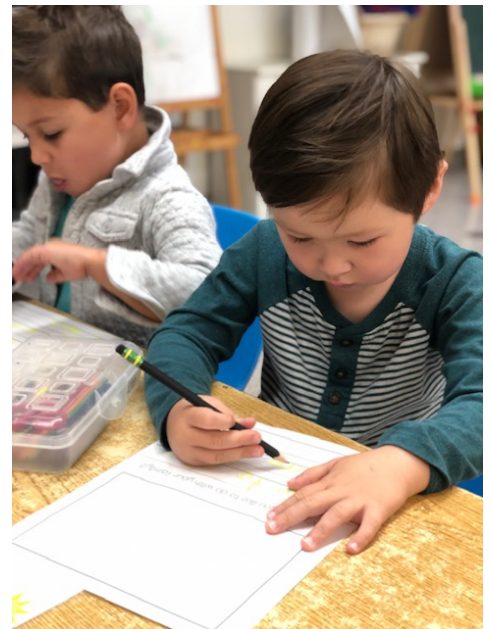
We had a lot of fun in September getting to know your children. Our morning group created Self and Family Portraits, an "All About Me" book, and read stories about different feelings and emotions. Our afternoon group is working on taking care of themselves and their belongings, and we are learning that they are very capable of doing so! Both groups during circle time are learning the days of the week and will learn a new song for each month of the year.

The month of October brings a new theme - Community Helpers. Now that we've learnt more about who we are, we will look now at our community around us. This month we will have special visits from community helpers. We will also focus on how to be a part of our classroom community. We follow the same four classroom ideals as the primary class - Care, Share, Help and Listen. These four rules help us to be good friends and learn and work together.

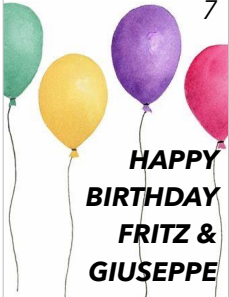
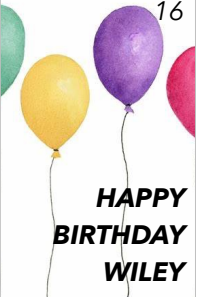


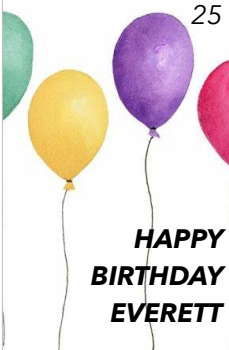
We will continue with our Author of the Month with a new author - Oliver Jeffers. His books are beautifully illustrated and have fun and adventurous themes. At the end of October we will begin our letter of the week curriculum. Each week we will learn a new letter; it's name, sound, how to form it and how to sign it in American Sign Language.

We look forward to another month of learning with your children.

Thank you,
-Natasha and Danielle



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