

# MARCH

Montessori School of Sonoma



## Important Dates:

March 7th:

School Closed - Teacher Work Day

March 10th:

Open House (for In House Families)

March 14th-17th:

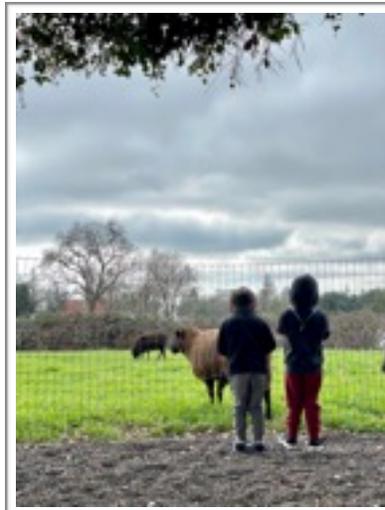
Parent Teacher Conferences

March 23rd:

Registration Due

April 18th - 22nd:

School Closed - Spring Break



*A good Friend is like a four-leaf clover; hard to find and lucky to have."*

*- Irish Proverb*



## Registration:

It is that time of year when we open registration for current families to enroll for the Summer 2022 and the Fall 2022-2023 school year. All students must re-register every year for all programs, including Childcare. We will be offering a summer program for Infant, Toddler and Primary classes this year. This year's placement does not guarantee the same placement for next year. All fees/tuition to hold your child's space are non-refundable. Remaining available spaces will be offered to those on the waiting list beginning in April.

**Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 23rd**

**Summer School Fees Due: Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Fall Fees Due: Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

## School Wide Reminders:

### Tax ID#:

For those of you gathering information for tax purposes, the Tax ID# for The Montessori School of Sonoma is

**94-2174042**

### Parking Lot:

Please be sure to drive slowly in the parking lot as we frequently have several children and parents walking during our busy drop-off and pick-up times. Let's keep each other safe.

Thank you!



## Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Conferences are coming up and we wanted to remind you that school is OPEN on the scheduled conference days. We plan to have conferences in person this Spring. You should have received an email containing the link to schedule an appointment with your child's teacher. If you did not receive this email, please do let us know! Please be sure to have a mask on hand to be worn if your conference is held inside the building.

Please be sure to find accommodations for your child's siblings as it will provide more time for focusing on your Montessori student. Our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you all!

## Open House:

**We are happy to announce we will be holding our Open House IN PERSON! We will ask that you please wear your mask while attending the Open House.**

Open House is a time for you to come and meet the teachers, explore the classrooms, and learn more about the program(s) your child(ren) will be in for the summer or fall. If your child is in the Infant room, you would attend the Toddler Open House. If your child is currently in Toddler (and moving on), you would attend the Primary and Childcare Enrichment Open House. Current Primary and Childcare Enrichment parents are also encouraged to attend to learn more about the programs.

**Thursday, March 10th** - OPEN HOUSE for parents only!  
 4:30pm - Toddler & Childcare Enrichment  
 5:00pm - Primary Class

## Ballet:

Mrs. Churchill is coming back to teach another morning and afternoon session for any children who would be interested to start or continue from the AM and PM Primary groups. If you did not receive the email with more information and instructions on how to sign up, please let us know!

We are so thankful to have Ballet continuing through the Spring! This is a great opportunity for children to learn self control through movement. It emphasizes alignment, stretching, and locomotor skills. They work on rhythmic training, ballet walks, small jumps, and creative dances. Students will also practice following directions, cooperate with others, and leave with a positive attitude.



## Infant:

Hello Families,

We are hoping to get some rain this month and will likely be changing the children's clothes on a regular basis. It can get a bit wet on our play yard! Puddle stomping is too much fun so if your child has rain boots please have them wear, or bring, them on rainy days. It gives us an opportunity to get outside when there's a break in the rain.

Our class gets a snack every morning around 10am but please let us know if your child didn't get their usual breakfast and we'll make sure to adjust our snack schedule. Also, feel free to bring any unfinished breakfast if your child arrives at school before 9:00. We are happy to have them finish at the table during class.

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**March 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Conferences: We will be sending conference notes home the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you have any specific questions about your child's time with us.**

-Katherine & Karina



## Toddler:



March is going to be a busy month! We have a teacher workday on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be no classes that day. Teachers will be cleaning, organizing and meeting. Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> is our Open House. Please attend the Primary Open House, which is the next step for your Toddler. After Open House we will meet for Parent/Teacher Conferences and discuss the next class placement for your child.

**Please see details for both Open House and Conference Week in the main portion of this Newsletter.**

Starting in March, our continent map puzzle will be out on the shelf as a work for the children to choose. Our continent puzzle includes all 7 continents on a world map. The children place the pieces on a control chart using their five motor skills by holding the little knob and matching it to the correct continent. This is the first puzzle map introduced on in Montessori classroom. The Primary Class has a puzzle of each continent in which each country is represented by a separate puzzle piece. Finally, there is a map of the United States with each individual state as it's own piece. Throughout the growth and development of the child in the Montessori Class, the child will work with the maps at different levels. At first, the child will use maps as puzzles and learn some names of the continents and countries. Gradually, the child will start to trace the pieces and eventually trace, label, and paint the map. It is exciting to witness a child's development through the years of using the maps. This activity also creates discussion and inquiry of different cultures around our world.



Here is the *Continent Song* we sing:

*Seven continents in the world  
Tell me what they are  
North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa  
Don't forget Australia don't forget Antarctica  
Seven continents in the world  
Tell me what they are.*

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Don't forget to wear green on March 17<sup>th</sup>!

-Christine & Cara

# Primary:



Dear families,  
 March is filled with hope and new beginnings for the year. The change of the season coupled with Daylight Savings time brings new and exciting energy to all of us.

A big part of early childhood education is holding onto a vision of excellence for the students while results are far from mastery in each individual. But, Rachel and I witness the fruits of success on a daily basis and we feel proud to guide these wonderful children through years of pandemic life.

Our Zoology leads us to the kingdom of birds, and there are many, followed by caterpillars and butterflies. This, of course, takes us into the garden planting seeds and watching new life sprout. By the end of the month we will have learned about mammals, hoofed and otherwise, and we have arrived at the realization: Yes, we people, are also mammals.

Asia is the continent of study and exploration. The biggest of all continents provides us with animals, places and people, and by now we can begin to compare what we have learned about the Americas and Europe. Cultural Studies are to be discovered rather than taught, and children are eager to find their interest and meaning in life. We put a great value on discussions and questions, with an emphasis to not always come up with an answer. Let the critical thinking simmer on. We know that you all are looking ahead for the coming school year and are asked to make a decision for your child. If we can assist you during our conferences we are happy to give you our 5 cents of observation.

**Family Value:** We encourage you to be clear about your values of family life. It will teach your child to differentiate and observe other traditions and habits. The goal is not to always agree, but to value the unity of the home.



# Primary Cont’.

## Primary Class Sharing Calendar March-May

Sharing means connecting in a joyful and innocent way with our peers at school. It fosters vocabulary and public speaking. It also is a practice of listening and respect.

Here is a quick review of appropriate items to bring.

**Items to be shared:**

- Books without commercial characters
- Nature items
- Handmade crafts
- Paintings
- Pictures of a trip or relatives

Every child will have a date especially for them. Please note your child’s day and remember to label the item with your child’s name. Sharing days are occur every Friday.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Morning Primary</b>	<b>Afternoon Primary</b>
Mar. 18 & Apr. 29	Adam, Dexter, Abigail, Beau	Andalie, Bonnie, Cohen, Arthur, Cassidy
Mar. 25 & May 6	Emmalyn, Faith, Finn, Haylee, Indy	Eli, Charlie, Colton, Emerie
Apr. 1 & May 13	Jordy, Leo, Jemma, Jonny	Gemma, Jordan, Mary Claire, Maika, Martina
Apr. 8 & May 20	Margaux, Nate, Kaiden, Layla	Margaux, Niah, Paxton, Madeleine, Max
Apr. 15 & May 27	Reign, Riley, Quinn, Walker	Ronin, Winter, Melody, Rhett, Victoria

Plant for the bees!

Love,  
*Barbara and Rachel*

## Childcare Enrichment:



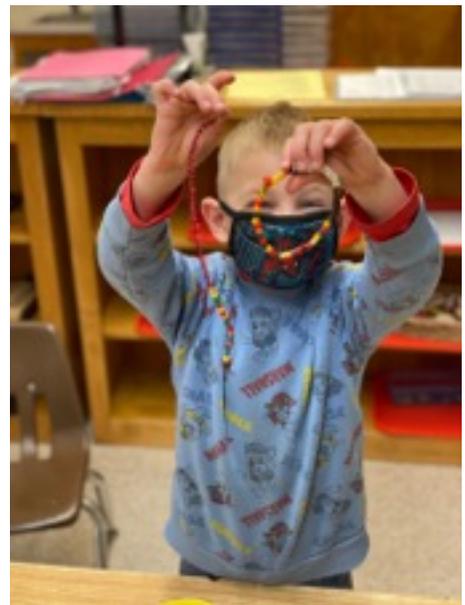
Dear Childcare Enrichment Families,

We hope you enjoyed all of the cards, gifts and valentines your children were so eager to create for you in class! We loved discussing friendship with the children; they were very excited to make each other friendship bracelets, painted a friendship banner, and drew portraits of their friends in class.

This month we will move on to a new theme: Things That Go! Our art and projects will focus on this theme and we will learn about different modes of transportation. We will continue with our letter of the week (I, J, K, and L) which we practice by forming the letter in sign language, making the spelling sound each letter makes, and practicing our penmanship by tracing the letter of the week. Our Friday cooking projects will correspond to the letter of the week; Icing dough, Jello, (fruit) Kebabs and Lemonade.

Our new author of the month will be Dr Seuss. His books are silly and fun to read. Some of our projects will be Dr Seuss themed and each child will get to turn into the Cat in the Hat. We are looking forward to another fun filled month!

*-Natasha and Danielle*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p>  <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY KARINA!</b></p>	<p>2</p>  <p><i>AM &amp; PM Primary Ballet</i></p>	<p>3</p>  <p><i>AM &amp; PM Primary Ballet</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>  <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUCA!</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHARLIE!</b></p> <p><i><b>SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER WORK DAY</b></i></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>  <p><i>AM &amp; PM Primary Ballet</i></p>	<p>10</p>  <p><b>OPEN HOUSE</b></p> <p><i>AM &amp; PM Primary Ballet</i></p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>  <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY WILL!</b></p>	<p>14</p> <p><i><b>PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES</b></i></p>	<p>15</p> <p><i><b>PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES</b></i></p>	<p>16</p> <p><i><b>PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES</b></i></p>	<p>17</p> <p><i><b>PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES</b></i></p> <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>  <p><i>AM &amp; PM Primary Ballet</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p><i><b>PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES</b></i></p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Summer &amp; Fall Registration Due</p> <p><i>AM &amp; PM Primary Ballet</i></p>	<p>24</p>  <p><i>AM &amp; PM Primary Ballet</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>		