

MARCH

Montessori School of Sonoma

Important Dates:

March 4th-7th

**Primary Parent
Teacher Conferences**

March 11th

**Teacher Work Day
School Closed**

March 14th

Open House

March 19th & 21st

**Toddler Parent
Teacher Conferences**

March 25th-29th

**Spring Break
School Closed**



“A good friend is like a four-leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have.” - Irish Proverb

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences:

It's that time again! We love getting to connect with parents and discuss your child's development and how we experience them at school. You should have received an email from school to sign up for a conference time slot. If you did not receive this email, please let us know as soon as possible!



School Wide Reminders:

School Tax ID#:

For those of you gathering information for tax purposes, the Tax ID# for The Montessori School of Sonoma is 94-2174042

Extra Clothes:

Check with your child's teacher to make sure we have extra clothes for your child that is weather and age appropriate!



Registration:

Registration is now complete! Thank you to those who re-registered, you will receive a confirmation of enrollment email in the coming weeks. Those who did not re-register, just a reminder your child's last day of school is Thursday, May 30th.

Open House:

Please join us on March 14th for our Spring Open House! This Open House is a wonderful opportunity to visit the class that your child will be transitioning into or continuing on in the Summer or Fall. This is a parents only event, *no children please*. Times for each classroom are as follows:

Toddler - 4:30PM

Primary - 5:30PM followed by Childcare Enrichment

Student Absences:

A friendly reminder to PLEASE inform the school by email or a phone call if your child will be away from school for any reason.

Please use the contact info listed below:

Email: info@montessorisonoma.com

Phone: (707) - 996 - 2422

Infant Corner:

Hello Families!

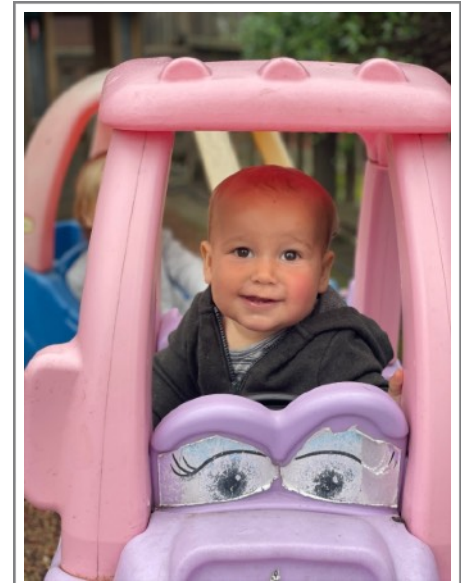
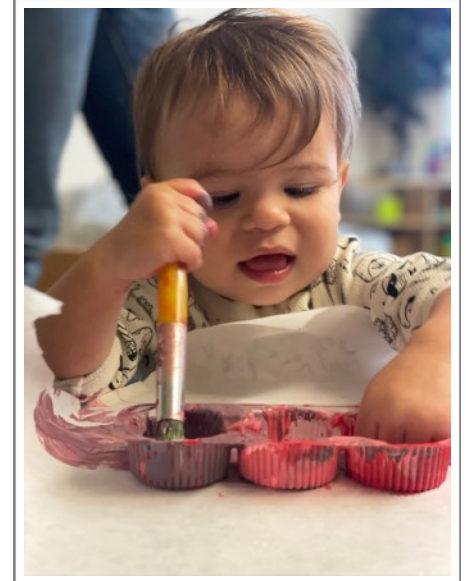
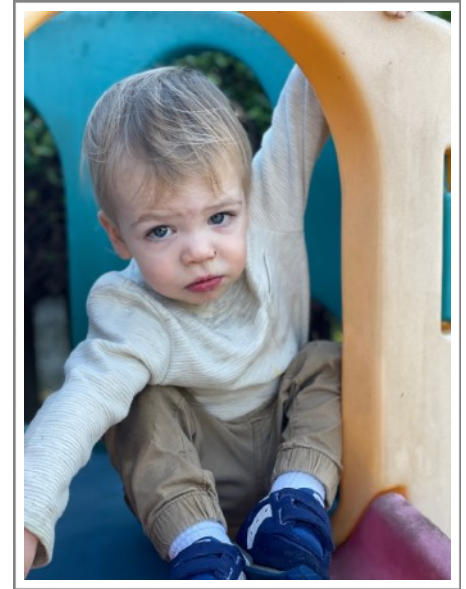
March is here and we are truly enjoying all the bits of sunshine we get out on our play yard. We've been enjoying watching the sheep with their lambs and blowing bubbles as much as possible.

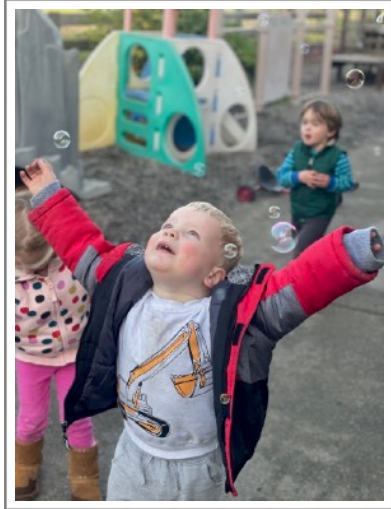
This month there will be an opportunity for you to meet with us for a conference if you choose. It is completely optional, but if you choose to schedule one please be sure to check in with us for a good time to meet.

Lately we have been focusing on helping the children use their verbal language as much as possible by giving them the words to say and encouraging them to speak. One of the ways we do this is by validating any feelings they might be having by saying them out loud with eye contact and bending down to their level.

Just a reminder that Monday, March 11th is a teacher work day and school will be closed. If your child is moving to the Toddler Program in the Summer or Fall, please attend their Open House on Thursday March 14th at 4:30PM. Also Spring break will be from March 25th -29th and school will be closed this week.

Katherine & Julia





Toddler Corner:

Rain, rain, and more rain. If it is raining at drop off you can find us inside the classroom working. We have been able to get some outside time during the small windows of clear skies. Please send fresh clothes if your child have some go home. We try to dry our outside equipment, but puddles are everywhere and fun.

A big Thank you to Julia and Vivian for helping out during our nap time. I am in the primary class at that time so they will be helping Claudia with nap.



March is going to be a very busy month for us. We have Open House, Parent Teacher conferences, and Spring Break happening. Along with new work on the shelves.

In preparation for open house, we have a teacher work day. Teacher workday is Monday March 11th, no class this day. Open house is on Thursday March 14th at 4:30 for the Toddler class and at 5:30 for the Primary class. If your child is attending the Primary Class this Summer or Fall please attend the Primary Program open house.



Parent teacher conferences will be March 19th and 21st. This is a chance for us to connect about your child. You should have already received an email to sign up.

Spring break is the week of March 25th through the 29th. School is closed during this time.

Starting in March we will have a new work out that is a staple in a Montessori classroom. Our continent map. The continent puzzle map includes all the continents of the world. The children place the pieces on a control chart using fine motor skills by holding the little knob and placing it on the correct spot on the control chart. This is the first puzzle map introduced in a Montessori classroom. The Primary class has 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. Throughout the growth and development of the child in the Montessori class, the child will work with the maps and later usually in the kindergarten year a child will trace, label and paint the map all be themselves. It is exciting watching a child's development through the years using the maps. It also creates discussion and inquiry of our world.

Here is the song we sing with our continent map:

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

Remember, March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb.

Christine and Claudia



Primary Corner:

Dear Families,

Such a busy month we had in February. From Maddie, the red-tailed hawk, visiting our class to celebrating the Lunar New Year with a dragon parade, our students certainly enjoyed all the activities and festivities. Art projects included our large dragons, dragon crowns, lanterns, cherry blossom pictures, and learning about Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama. Special thanks to Lucie for enriching our cultural curriculum with food and cooking experiences. Our young chefs created dumplings, sushi, and rice balls! Just about everyone asked for more!

Cultural curriculum: Continent study: We are headed to **Europe** this month with a focus on three countries: England, Italy, and Sweden. Social studies lessons emphasize awareness and respect for the different cultures worldwide, people, places, and customs. **Zoology:** Amphibians! With all this rain we are looking forward to having some tadpoles in our class so we can observe and learn about the life cycle of the frog. **Botany:** Fruits. Last month we tasted dragon fruit. We are feeling adventurous so we will sample some other fruits this month. It's always a joy to slice open some fruit and share it at group time.



What's on our Playlist?! Here's a sampling of our current songs. As the children first enter the classroom we like the classics. Mozart, Yo-Yo Ma playing Bach, and Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

Some of our favorite songs we like to sing: Walking in the Woods, Baby Beluga, Rainbow 'round Me, Peace Like a River, Two Hands Hold the Earth, Hot Chocolate, This Pretty Planet.

Movement & Dance party songs: Fox's Dance, Skip to My Lou, A Tree Fell Down, Raccoon and Possum, The Chicken Dance, Seven Jumps, Rig a Jig-Jig.

One example of a dance party: On Valentine's Day we used scarves and ribbons while dancing to The Beatles, *All You Need is Love*. Every time we heard the word "love" we tossed our ribbons and scarves into the air.

Our closing song: Go Now in Peace

Montessori minute: Learning **mathematical concepts** in a Montessori classroom begins concretely and progresses towards the abstract. They are developed from simple to complex. Process is taught first and facts come later. Order, coordination, concentration and independence are experienced by the child using the Montessori materials.

Fan favorites these days: Bead chains and the Hundred Board.

Happy Spring!

- Rachel, Lucie, and Christine



Enrichment Corner:

Hello Families,

February was a festive month! With Lunar New Year and Valentines we spent a lot of our time celebrating holidays around the world. We celebrated by making festive Shan (Chinese fan's) to participate in Ms. Rachel's Dragon dance. We also had a lovely warm valentines breakfast with heart waffles and pink strawberry smoothies. We spent this month working on language and literacy making letters for our loved ones and friends, leaving notes in their mailboxes to take home. Thank you parents that brought in wine boxes to make our mailboxes!



We are on "I" in our alphabet and working on our sign language during circle time. Not only are we doing the ABC'S this month we focused on two new songs celebrating love and friendship while successfully doing the lyrics in sign language as well.



With spring around the corner and love and friendship still in the air this month we will look at Frog and Toad, a favorite friendship book. We will expand by talking about how we can be good friends to one another, and how that physically looks in the yard or classroom, we have started a "Have a hand, Give a hand" corner where the children are already coming up with ideas to give a hand, "Give Jordy and Beau a hug when they get hurt" - Leo.



A song we have been singing:

Skidamarink a dink a dink.
Skidamarink a doo. I love you

Skidamarink a dink a dink.
Skidamarink a doo.
I love you.

I love you in the morning.
And in the afternoon.
I love you in the evening.
And underneath the moon. Oh!

Skidamarink a dink a dink.
Skidamarink a doo.
I love you.

Vivian, Jeff, Shannon, Lucie & Jocelyn

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Happy Birthday Zane!	2  Happy Birthday Jeff!
3  Happy Birthday Grey!	4	5	6  Happy Birthday Luca!	7	8  Happy Birthday Sloane!	9
PRIMARY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES						
10	11 TEACHER WORK DAY School Closed 	12	13	14 OPEN HOUSE! 	15  Happy Birthday Jameson!	16  Happy Birthday Andi!
17 St. Patrick's Day! 	18  Happy Birthday Zara!	19	20	21	22	23
TODDLER PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	SPRING BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED					