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Montessori School of Sonoma

Important Dates:

May 1st

Septembers Tuition Due

May 2nd

Spring Fiesta!

May 26th

Memorial Day
School Closed

Thursday, May 29th

Last Day of School!

June 9th-July 31st

Summer Session 1

June 19th

Juneteenth
School Closed

July 4th

Independence Day
School Closed



“Montessori education is not just about preparing children for school, but for life.”

- Maria Montessori

Spring Fiesta!

Our Spring Fiesta is this Friday, May 2nd beginning at 5:00PM! Please join us for an evening of delicious food and fun with our school community. Please bring a blanket for your family to sit on if you choose and a beverage to share (grown-up variety and/or for the children). We look forward to sharing this fun evening with your families! **If you RSVP'd yes and haven't paid yet, you will be billed through 1CORE!**



School Wide Reminders:

Sunscreen:

Please apply sunscreen to your child(ren) before coming to school. We can re-apply in the afternoons. If you have a preferred brand, please bring in a small bottle.

Sandals:

Sandals with straps are ok, but please no flip flops. It is too hard for the children to climb and play with flip flops at school.

Warm Weather Clothing:

Now that it's warming up, we ask that you bring some warm weather clothing for your child's spare clothing bags. We will send home what is no longer fitting.

Last Day of School!

Our last day of school is Thursday, May 29th. We will be having a luau theme for our final day before our Summer Sessions begin. If this is your child's very last day at Montessori, please remember to empty their cubbies, check for sweatshirts and coats on the hooks, and remove all clothing from their spare clothing bags. Please do not take the bags home from the classrooms or the Primary hall of hooks.

Summer Sessions:

Summer Session 1 will run from June 9th to July 31st. Summer Session 2 will run from August 1st to August 22nd. School will be closed during the summer on the following dates:

June 2-6 - Teacher Work Week

June 19th - Juneteenth

July 4th - 4th of July Holiday

August 25-29 - Teacher Work Week

September 1st - Labor Day

September 2nd - First Day of School

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in postcards from all over the country! We are excited to look at them during our Summer Sessions! If you are traveling anywhere and anytime from now to the end of July, **please send us a quick note on a postcard** from the area in the U.S. state you are visiting! Have friends or family in other states? Please ask them to send us a postcard in the mail. It'll be fun to see how many postcards we receive and from how many different states. Thank you so much!

Send postcards to:

The Montessori School of Sonoma
19675 8th St East
Sonoma, CA 95476

Infant Corner

Dear Families,

May begins with our Spring Party on May 2nd, we hope to see all of you there! Please bring a picnic blanket for your family to sit on, and a drink of choice to share!

With the warmer weather on its way we may get to be out in the yard more. Please begin to apply sunscreen to your children before coming to school. We do sunscreen the children throughout the day, but if you have a preferred brand please bring it labeled with your infants name. We do still recommend having clothes that cover your little one's knees because they do get scraped a lot in the yard. Feel free to bring sun hats if your child will keep them on!

This class LOVES to listen to music and dance together. They each have their favorites and we have started to let them choose what songs they want to sing together each day.

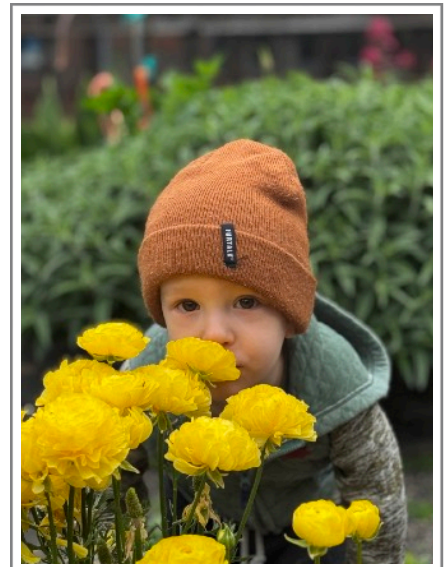
Practicing our fine motor skills with pens, stickers and crayons has also been a favorite activity.

We wish all you Mothers a relaxing Mother's Day.

This is the last month this particular class will be together and we will enjoy it to it'll fullest! It has been wonderful watching the friendships grow and your children learn so much every day!

Thank you,

Julia and Katherine



Toddler Corner

Dear Toddler Families,

Spring has sprung. We are enjoying the warm sun and the fresh blooms of our garden flowers. This year we have planted beans, tomatoes, strawberries, radishes and carrots. Although it is very hard to wait for things to grow the children are learning to look and not pick until our garden is ready. We talk a lot about the ripe color we are waiting for; the red strawberries can't come soon enough!

This month one of our favorite activities is matching objects with letters. The children are very interested in the first letter of objects. This is the first sign of reading, bbbbbb ball. We are learning the sound first then the name. The children love to find their classmates letter and then bring it to them, "Here's your letter." Another fun game is I spy. We say, I spy something that begins with ttttttt? Tree. Yes, tree begins with ttttttt. Saying the sound and then the name of the letter. This is a fun game while driving and looking out the window.



We have been watching our caterpillars grow and grow. Reading books about the stages of caterpillars, our favorite is the very hungry caterpillar. Each day we've waited and waited to see the changes of these amazing creatures. They came to us so tiny, grew each day, created their pupas, and finally butterflies. We will be releasing them in the garden very soon, so exciting.

Please join us for our Cinco de Mayo get together on Friday, May 2nd. This is always a fun event for all. Bring a blanket, your favorite beverage and a smile for the photo booth. We will be celebrating spring.

May is our final month of this years Toddler class. Some of us will be moving on to the Primary class and we will be welcoming some new friends from the Infant class. To celebrate our time together we will be hosting a sing along. This will be on **Thursday May 22nd at 11:15am**. We will get together to sing and then celebrate with a pizza party. Please mark your calendar, this is always a fun event.

One of our favorites this month:

Alphabet Stew

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y and Z
Now I know my A B C s next time won't you sing with me
Letters from A to Z twenty six letters for you and me
With letters here's what we do mix 'em in a pot and make alphabet stew
And I like alphabet stew, pour it in a bowl and I'll read it with you
I like alphabet stew, pour it in a bowl and I'll read it with you
Pour it in a bowl and I'll read it with you
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y and Z
Now I know my A B C s next time won't you sing with me!

Happy Spring,

Christine, Cara & Hayley (PM)



Primary Corner

Dear Families,

So many learning experiences are happening in the primary classroom!

One of the best parts of our **curriculum studies** this past year has been all the continent maps our students have completed. We've hung many of the maps in the hallway for everyone to enjoy and admire. Our students have worked hard tracing, coloring, painting, and labelling the various continents. Some are meticulously detailed and others are more concept oriented with an artistic interpretation.



Fishes and Frogs and Butterflies, oh my! For all our future biologists, scientists, and entomologists we've had plenty to learn through first hand experience in the observation and research of various life cycles. The tanks and habitats are observed daily. The discussions among the children are genuinely rich and meaningful.

We've had some tadpoles visiting at various times throughout this past month. Some wee ones and others with their back legs already developing.

Five caterpillars arrived in the mail. We've sung to them each day and remarked how much they have grown. We are anxiously waiting for the butterflies to emerge from the chrysalises.

We placed fifty steelhead trout in our very cold 10 gallon tank. We've been checking the tank daily to see how they are growing. From the eggs to the alevins to the little fry, it has been exciting to see the fish develop and grow.

And first thing in the morning, counting the mosquitoes that emerged overnight has also been popular. As of press time the count was 11!



Exploring Africa. Our last continent study of the school year will be focusing on Africa. We will learn about the geography, animals, landmarks, and various cultures.

The month of May is the last month of the regular school year. We have enjoyed the journey of seeing your child grow, learn new skills, and become an important part of our school community. Through tears and laughter, together we have been able to support your child's development in a warm and loving environment. Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's early years. Some of our friends are moving on and we wish you well. And some of our friends will be continuing with us and we look forward to more learning experiences.



This is our song we sing at the end of each day:

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, go now in peace
May the light of love surround you
Everywhere, everywhere
You may go!

Your favorite primary class teachers,

Rachel, Hayley, Brenda, and Christine!

Childcare Enrichment Corner

Hello Enrichment Families!

Wow, it's May already! April flew by and it was such a fun filled month!

We had our biggest stuffy day ever, and as quoted by almost all the class "this is the best day in my life!" The classroom was overtaken by some of the biggest stuffies we have ever seen! On Friday May 9th we will have "Bring the Smallest Stuffy to School" day! For the upcoming Fridays, please ensure they fit in the "If it Fits, it Sits!" box.

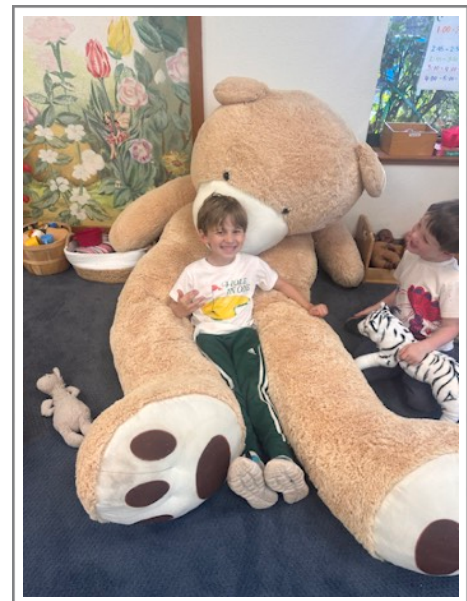
May's Author of the month is Marcus Pfister, famed for his beautifully illustrated Rainbow Fish series. We chose this author as we have a new class pet, a Betta fish named Swimmy! The students all brainstormed for a name and Swimmy was chosen. He fits his name aptly as he is a happy little fellow who swims all around his tank all day, and comes up when the students visit him! If your family would like to take Swimmy home for the weekend, please get in touch with us and we will start a weekend calendar!

Our caterpillars have moved into the pupa stage of their lifecycle, so they are now hanging in the butterfly net and we are excitedly awaiting the emerging butterflies!

Cooking in class continues in May with "Spring" Rolls filled with veggies that the students will chop and mix. We will also be making hummus, and homemade tortillas to dip in them! Its always so much fun to see how excited they get when making and eating together as a community.

Happy May!

Lucie, Kari & Claudia



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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