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Montessori School of Sonoma



Important Dates:

May 20th:

Classroom Safari

May 30th:

School Closed -
Memorial Day

June 1st:

Summer Fees Due

June 9th:

Last Day of School

June 10th - 17th:

School Closed -
Teacher Work Week

June 20th - July 29th:

Summer Session 1

August 1 - 26th:

Summer Session 2



*"Try to be a
rainbow in
someone else's
cloud."*

- Maya Angelou

Join us for Classroom Safari!

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a gathering! On Friday, May 20th you are invited, along with your family, to join us in our backyard to visit with other families, mingle with the staff, let the children play, and get a chance to meet some special animals! The animal show will begin just after 4pm. Bring your picnic blankets for a place to sit. This will be a pot-luck, so please also bring something to share! Ideas include, finger foods, veggie platters, appetizers, child friendly beverages, adult friendly beverages (of the beer and wine variety :) and/or a dessert. We look forward to seeing you all together after a very limited two years!

School Wide Reminders:

Sunscreen:

Please apply sunscreen to your child(ren) before coming to school. We can re-apply in the afternoons.

Sandals:

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

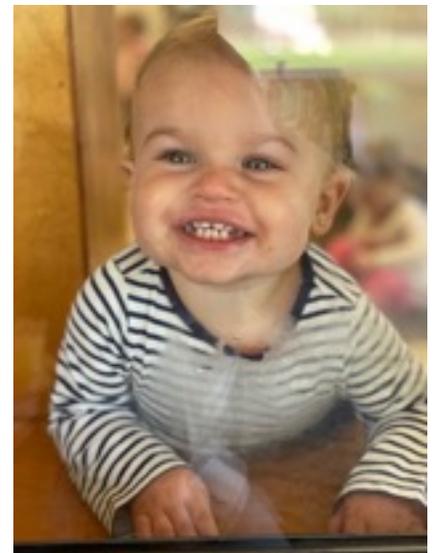


Infant Corner:

Happy May! We want to wish all of you Mothers and Grandmothers a Happy Mothers Day! Our class will be sending home a sweet gift to show their love and appreciation for all that you do.

Last month we released our butterflies out into the garden and we have been looking for them when we go outside every day! The class has been examining the ant trails and finding many ladybugs on our flowers. If you have a chance, say "Hello" to the lamb out in the sheep field, he's been spreading lots of joy as he runs around! The weather has been changing so much that when we get even a little heat we have been trying to enjoy water play out in the yard. The children love it!

Please join us on May 20th for our Classroom Safari potluck from 4-6. See more info on the first page of the newsletter!



Katherine & Karina

Toddler Corner:



Spring has Sprung! We are enjoying the bright flowers in our yard and our strawberries are turning red! We are practicing patience while they turn. We also have filled our water table with corn kernels have a big construction project going on in there!

The children are keeping busy in our class with each passing day. It is a joy to observe them working in sustained amounts of time. With a month and a half left of school, the children have normalized and are happy choosing purposeful work. They are working to develop "self". Here are some of Maria Montessori's words regarding work at this age: "Indeed, as long as a child is teaching themselves and the material they are using contains its own control over error, the teacher can observe an assist".

Here is a song about Spring we have been singing in class!

Spring

Spring is here said the bumblebee
How do you know, said the old oak tree
I just saw a daffodil
Dancin' with the fairies on the windy hill

Spring is here said the bright blue sky
How do you know, said the butterfly
I just saw a newborn lamb
over by the brand new beaver dam

Spring is here said the tiny mouse
How do you know said that lady in the house
The doors are open and the kids are gone
Playin' with the fairies all day long.



- Christine & Cara

Primary Corner:



Dear Families,
We have arrived at a very special time: May!

After 6 months of observing we released our our steelhead trout at Flat Rock Park in Santa Rosa. The stream is part of the watershed that eventually leads to the Russian River. Happy swimming to our 49 little fry that were set free to swim and begin their journey to the ocean!

This will be our last full month together before we celebrate graduation and moving on. This might mean moving to a new school or it might mean beginning their second or third year of Montessori Primary, thus not being the new kid on the block any longer. Either way, together we've learned a lot throughout this school year.

As the children came back from Spring Break they entered a brand new environment: For the first time ever, for most of them, they get to experience a truly authentic Montessori classroom with 24 students all together. The divider and some masks have been removed, and deeper personal connections can be formed for friendships.

The last of the 7 continents to explore will be Australia, to be correct, Oceania. The land and water of this geographic area provides endless exotic and natural beauty. A mental trip to this Southern Hemisphere is most appropriate for the completion of the year. Also, the garden will come alive with planting, weeding, watering and flower arranging, and tie in generously for language practice of reading and writing.

Our Kindergarten students deserve a loud applause. They have formed a tight group from the first day back in September and their level of maturity is commendable. We are very proud of their leadership, and we wish them the very best for their future!

Thank you for enrolling your children with us!

Sincerely,
Barbara and Rachel



Childcare Enrichment Corner:



Dear Childcare Enrichment Families,

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break! Our students were excited to return to school to a welcome surprise - our classroom now has no barriers! We have rearranged the room to now accommodate a cohesive group of 24 children. April was a fun month of learning about insects. Our butterflies came out of their chrysalises and were released in the yard. Some of them were hesitant to fly away, so we all got to take turns holding them!

This month of May comes with a new theme - outer space! We will learn about orbits, the names of all of the planets in our solar system, and the sun. As a class

we will make our solar system to hang up in our classroom, learn about how the moon orbits the earth and how craters are formed. Because there are so many great books about outer space and the planets we will not be selecting just one author of the month, but will choose books that go along with our theme.



We will continue with the letter of the week and our Friday cooking class to go along with it. During letter Q week we will make quesadillas, for letter R week we will make raisin cinnamon muffins. During letter S week we will make salsa and for letter T week we will make thumbprint cookies.

We look forward to another fun month of learning with your children,

-Natasha and Danielle



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY JORDAN!</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY CASSIDY!</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>happy mothers day</p>	<p>9</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY MADELEINE!</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY JORDY!</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY BONNIE!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUCAS!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY RACHEL!</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY SAGA & EMMALYN & MARY CLAIRE!</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>31</p>				