

APRIL

Montessori School of Sonoma

Important Dates:

May 3rd

Spring Fiesta

May 27th

**Memorial Day
School Closed**

May 30th

Last Day of School!

June 10th - July 31st

Summer Session 1

July 1st

September Fees Due



“The greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say, “The children are now working as if I did not exist.”

~ Maria Montessori

Save The Date!

Save the Date! Friday, May 3rd will be our annual Spring Fiesta! This is a school wide event for the whole family to enjoy. Plan on spending the evening at school, enjoying dinner, and watching your children play in the big yard! More details to come!

See You Later!

This month we will be saying “See ya later!” to Ms. Vivian as she is leaving on maternity leave. We wish Vivian and her growing family the best!



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

Parking Lot:

The parking lot is very busy at pick up time! Please be sure to drive **slowly**, and hold your child's hand when walking to and from school!



New Infant Drop Off & Pick Up:

Effective April 1st, we would like to invite the Infant Program families to drop off and pick up at the main doors. Please look for your sign in sheet there, and walk your child down the hall to the Infant Classroom. Please do the same for pick up. Thank you!

Speaking of sign in sheets...

Please be sure to sign your child(ren) in and out each day! **These are a legal document that require an adults full legal signature.** Please do not let your children write on the sign in sheets.

If you see the letters "IR" next to your child's name when you come to pick up, please check in with the front desk for an incident report. These need to be signed and left at school for our records. We are happy to make you a copy if you would like to take one home.

Spare Clothing & Labels:

As the weather is changing, please take a peek at your child's spare clothing bags. Primary students bags are hanging on their coat hooks in the hall, toddler and infant students bags are in their classrooms. Make sure all clothing items are labeled with your child's name, are the correct size (your children have grown a lot!), and are appropriate for the weather.

Infant Corner:

Hello Families,

We hope you enjoyed some extra time with your children over spring break!

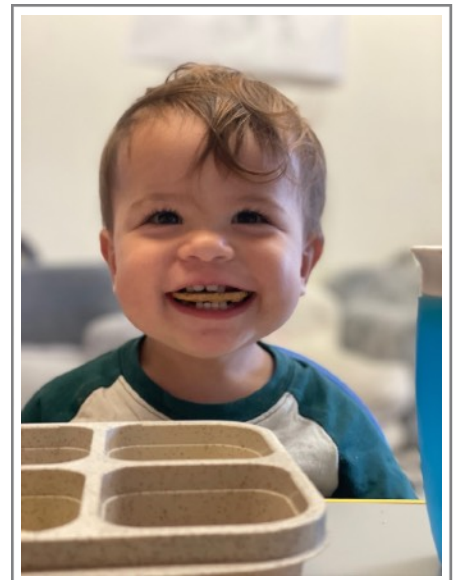
The warmer weather is here and we are so thankful to be spending our playtime in the sunshine! Please be sure to send your child with sunscreen already applied at the beginning at the school day. We will reapply in the afternoon, however if there is a specific brand that you prefer for your child feel free to send some, labeled, along with their lunch.

We have moved the sign in/out sheet to the front gate, which means everyone will now enter through the hallway door. We will have cubbies installed once everyone is back from break. Each child will have a labeled cubby and hook for your their belongings just inside the door.

If you see the initials "IR" next to your child's name on the sign in/out sheet, this means that there is an Incident Report at the front desk that requires your signature. Incident reports are documentation of anything that might have happened during your child's day at school, such as scratches, bumps, etc.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions!

Katherine & Julia





Toddler Corner:

Happy Spring!! Poppies are blooming and little lambs are running about at school. If you haven't seen the baby lambs, take some time to. They are in the south field alongside school. Thank you for attending conferences. It was nice to be able to chat with each of you about your child. I hope any questions and or concerns were answered. If any other questions come up please feel free to ask. I hope you enjoyed our spring grass baskets. The children had fun planting, watering and watching the grass grow. We will be doing some more planting as the weather gets warmer. We've also added some sand to our blue sensory box, out in our yard. The children are enjoying pouring, scooping and moving the sand about.

Please check your child's extra clothes bag. As the weather gets warmer, we need to make sure the clothes are appropriate. And extra if your child is starting to use the potty. More and more of our friends are wanting to use the potty. Here are some signs that show readiness:

- *Child wants to go on the potty
- *Child does not drink from a bottle anymore
- *Child has a dry diaper for extended periods
- *Child talks about using the potty
- *Child is willing to use the potty at school

Together we will help the children achieve independence and self-confidence.

Discipline

Good discipline is what we do to help children learn self-control, not what we do to them when they misbehave. Good discipline is based on respect, honesty, trust, and caring. The best plans incorporate 3 steps of discipline: 1. Establishing routines; 2. Setting limits; and 3. Developing responses. Communication, both verbal and non-verbal, reflects our attitudes about discipline. Your words, your tone of voice, your body movements and facial expressions reveal your style of discipline. Words are the most powerful tool. Used appropriately, they encourage good behavior.

Toddler Song: "Take me out to the ball game!"

Opening day is April 5th !!! We will be rooting for the GIANTS

Take me out to the ball game
Take me out to the crowd
Buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks
I don't care if I ever get back
Let's ROOT ROOT ROOT for the GIANTS
If they don't win it's a shame
For it's one, two, three strikes your out at the old ball game
GOOOOO GIANTS

Christine and Claudia



Primary Corner:

Dear Families,

Hello everyone! Aaaand we're back from spring break! We hope you enjoyed your time with your family. We are feeling relaxed and refreshed and are ready for the month ahead.

A-ticket, a-tasket, a little Spring basket: Our primary bunnies were busy in March planting seeds and watching them grow! As part of our Botany curriculum we focused on seeds so we planted rye seeds in little baskets, watered them daily, and made sure they received enough sunlight to grow.

Montessori minute: Grace and courtesy, as well as the promotion of peace, are key elements of Montessori practice. This is whether at home or at our Montessori school. These subjects are just as important as academic topics in terms of importance. The Montessori approach also places a strong emphasis on acts of service to others. As part of our "acts of service" last month we planted spring baskets for all our friends in the infant class. Some of our students have younger siblings in the class so they were excited to surprise their brother/sister with a little bit of green spring joy! Each child in the infant class received a basket with the handle decorated by one of our primary students and then delivered to them.



Have you ever gone a-fishin' on a bright and sunny day? So starts the beginning of one of our songs. And this month we'll learn how those fishes came to be. Steelhead trout eggs will be delivered to our class. We will learn about the life cycle stages: eggs, alevin, fry, parr, trout. Come on in our class throughout the month and take a peek in the fish tank to see the current life cycle stage. When they develop to the parr stage the fish will be released into the Russian River.

Curriculum Spotlight: Since March was a short month we'll finish up our study of Europe. And then, G'day!, we'll travel to the land Down Under and focus on Australia.

A BIG thank you to our classmates who have donated books and classroom materials in honor of their birthday. We always enjoy celebrating your child's birthday and appreciate your gifts in the forms of contributions to our library or work activities.

Another BIG thank you to the Rolig family, who taught the Morning Primary class how to make Swedish Oven Pancakes to enrich our studies of the continent of Europe!

Your Dream Team Teachers,

Rachel, Lucie, & Christine



Childcare Enrichment Corner:

Hello Families,

Childcare Enrichment has been colorful! Just in time for SPRING! We have been adding ideas to our "Have a Hand, Give a Hand" corner, where we have been thinking of different ways we can use our helpful hands in class or at home: "Give Mommy a Hug" - August. It has turned into a beautiful display in the classroom showcasing our messy hands with our rainbow mural.

We are working on our letter of the week, which has turned into our cooking of the week. "J" was for Jam. We got to make our own jam for our toast and enjoyed it for a morning snack. On Jordy's request the recipe was:

- A bag of frozen raspberries
- A bag of frozen strawberries
- Half a cup of water
- Half a cup of chia seeds

Put on the stove top. Mix,mix,mix until texture is nice and thick.

We are excited to see what "K" will bring to our bellies.

We are still reading *Frog and Toad*, they have become our favorite duo. The next chapter is *Spring*, which we will get to read on the first day of spring. The spring sun usually puts a pep in our step which will bring more painting, dancing, singing and more.

Looking at April - as it gets warmer, please remember to switch out your child's extra clothes for warmer weather wear. If you would like us to apply sunscreen, please bring in a sunscreen of your choice with your child's name displayed for after lunch applications.

Happy Spring!






Lucie, Vivian, Jeff, & Shannon



This month we will be saying "see you later!" to Vivian who will be heading out on maternity leave! We wish her and her growing family the very best!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9  <i>Happy Birthday Claudia!</i>	10  <i>Happy Birthday Kennedy!</i>	11	12	13  <i>Happy Birthday Grant S.!</i>
14	15	16	17  <i>Happy Birthday Lucca C.!</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25  <i>Happy Birthday Nash!</i>	26	27
28	29	30				