January 10, 2020

Dear E1 Parents,

January is always one of our favorite months! The children returned from winter break rested, rejuvenated, and ready to work with renewed enthusiasm and concentration. They settled into the new schedule with great ease and were overjoyed to be reconnected with great friends and enticing, engaging lessons. We had a fabulous and busy week!

In our efforts to educate the whole child, members of Florida Studio Theater’s traveling troupe of actors visited the E1 and E2 classes on Wednesday. FST actors performed several plays written by children around the world, and then offered playwriting workshops to our students. The children will have the opportunity to write their own plays at school or at home, following the steps in the playwriting lesson on the parts of the play: setting, character, the conflict, and dialogue. Some students may choose to submit plays to Florida Studio Theater’s Young Playwright’s Festival. Plays can be submitted to Ms. Rachel on or before February 1. FST receives about 4,000 plays from children all over the world and the winners will be announced in April. In May, we will visit FST to see a performance of the winning plays. The Center has been thrilled that in previous years, some of our own students have won the competition or received honorable mention. We cannot wait to read the plays the children create from their wonderful imaginations!

January also brings thoughts about the next school year. Therefore, registration for the Center’s 2020-2021 school year is now open. To ensure that you are informed about our school’s vision for your child, we cordially invite you to “Follow the Child,” on Thursday, January 16, 2020. An open house will be held school wide from 6:00pm-7:00pm. From 7:00pm-8:00pm, the 3rd year students and their parents are invited to the Elementary 2 classroom which will host a formal classroom preview. During this time, 4th and 5th grade students will present lessons from the E2 curriculum. The E2 teachers, Jayne and Susan, will also be available to answer any questions that you may have so that you may feel confident and comfortable with your decision for your child’s education. Likewise, Kindergarten parents will visit the E1 classroom for Classroom Previews while 1st and 2nd year E1 students will present lessons from our learning environments.

The “Follow the Child” program offers Center parents and prospective new families an opportunity to explore each classroom so you may observe the scope and inner-relatedness of the Montessori curriculum from classroom to classroom. It is our hope that by gaining a better understanding of the inner-workings of each classroom level, that you will grow in your commitment to Montessori education for your child’s future. We are grateful to be able share in such a special time in your children’s lives as we work together to develop their social, emotional, and intellectual intelligences. With registration for the Center's 2020-2021 school currently open, we hope to continue to have your trust and confidence in us as we partner with you in your child’s education. Whether your child is continuing to progress through the 3 year cycle in E1, or s/he is preparing to move up to E2, please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. Thank you!

Enjoy a beautiful weekend and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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