November 1, 2019

Dear Parents,

Dr. Maria Montessori stated, "One test of the correctness of academic procedure is the happiness of the child." We know that the children must feel safe and happy at school first and foremost in order to learn and excel to their full potential. Therefore, this week, we carved out some special time to build relationships with the end goal in mind of growing little brains for rigorous academic achievement.

This week was filled with fun, as well as fall themed lessons from the Montessori cosmic cultural curriculum. We have been reading The Night of the Werepoodle by Constance Hiser to the children and they have absolutely loved it! We love modeling reading for pleasure as we encourage the children on their journeys to become independent and fluent readers. We were thrilled to celebrate Halloween with the children on Thursday. After our traditional Halloween costume parade, the children had various arts and crafts projects in the classrooms throughout the day. Thank you to all of the many parents who volunteered to help with these special projects! Students were also excited to participate in the Fun House and Haunted House presented by the middle school. Thank you to the middle school for all of your hard work and preparations in order to host and haunt us. A great time was had by all.

In our commitment to educate the whole child and provide practical life experiences outside of the classroom, we have scheduled our next field trip to the Manatee County Library in downtown Bradenton. The Pacific will visit on Thursday, November 14, and the Atlantic the following day on Friday, November 15. The Education Department of the library has prepared a special program for us related to World Author's Day. Following the library program, we will also celebrate National Take a Walk Day, by walking along the Riverwalk to enjoy a picnic lunch by the Manatee River. Chaperones are always welcome and appreciated. We will leave school about 9:00am and return about 12:30pm. Please find the permission slip attached in the Friday Folder Email and in your child’s Friday envelope.

We are also looking forward to celebrating Grandparents and Special Friends Day on Friday, November 22. The E1 students will host their guests from 9:45am-10:30am. The Pacific guests will visit the reading room and guests for the Atlantic class will be in the math classroom. After a short presentation, all E1 students will bring their guests to the deck behind the 2-story building where the children will sing a song and we will share a healthy snack. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we would greatly appreciate everyone bringing one piece of fruit or one vegetable to contribute to our gathering. We look forward to sharing in this special time with your children and their loved ones.

Finally, we are all looking forward to the Center's Annual Art Festival which will be held next weekend, Saturday, November 9, from 11am-1pm. Each classroom will have various arts and crafts activities in which the children may participate. It promises to be a fun family day at school so we hope to see you there. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to work booths and help in the kitchen, as well as set up and clean up. However we still need many more volunteers in order to make this day a success for the children. If you would like to volunteer as part of your family commitment towards 10 volunteer hours, please click on the following link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49ae629a2fc1-arterfesta

We look forward to seeing you Monday (Atlantic) or Wednesday (Pacific) for "A Window to Our World” at your child’s assigned time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rachel. We wish you all a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
The E1 Teacher
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