November 8, 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended “A Window to Our World: The Montessori Cosmic Cultural Curriculum” this week! The children were so happy to share their projects with you. Dr. Maria Montessori wrote extensively regarding the 6-9 year old child and the role of the cosmic curriculum in the Montessori classroom. She constructed a clear foundation within which the teacher may plant many seeds for the child regarding the universe in which we live. The idea, or goal, of this part of the curriculum is to leave the child with the impression of how wonderful or wonder-filled the universe may actually be. Dr. Montessori stated, “The goal of education should be to activate the child’s own natural desire to learn.” We see the genuine excitement for learning in the children on a daily basis and hope you observe this special quality in them as well. It is our wish and goal that the Center continues to cultivate that love of learning within the children so that they carry it with them throughout their lifetimes.

In our commitment to provide practical life experiences outside of the classroom while educating the whole child, our next field trip will be to the Manatee County Library and Riverwalk 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 will present 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 and enjoy a picnic lunch by the Manatee River. Chaperones are always welcome and appreciated. We will leave school about 9am and return about 12:30pm. If you have not already returned the permission slip, please find it in your child's Friday envelope and kindly return it to school on Monday. Thank you!

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. This timing allows for guests who are visiting multiple classrooms to be able to also attend the Primary, E2 and L3 classrooms at their assigned times. 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 tomorrow, Saturday, November 9, from 11am-1pm. There will be a variety of 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. We truly appreciate your willingness to help!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow at the Art Festival, have a fabulous weekend!

Sincerely,

The E1 Teachers
Student presentations for parents in “A Window to Our World: The Montessori Cultural Curriculum.” The children chose topics such as The Animals of Australia, The Parts of the Flag, New Hampshire, Copenhagen, India, and The Biomes of North America.