

E-2



Center Montessori School

News

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"He does it with his hands, by experience, first in play and then through work. The hands are the instruments of man's intelligence."

Maria Montessori

E2 Classroom Activities:

We have had a remarkably productive beginning of the school year. We continued with our orientation by doing personal interviews. There were questions like: What language does your grandmother speak? What did you have for dinner last night? What is your favorite outdoor activity? Students were partnered with classmate that he or she did not know well. In this way we begin to build relationships with all of our schoolmates instead of just a few.

These are the beginning building blocks of a classroom community. Maria Montessori said, "Under the urge of nature and according to the laws of development, though not understood by the adult, the child is obliged to be serious about two fundamental things ... the first the love of activity... the second fundamental thing is independence."

Because of this we make sure that there are numerous ways for the child to move about the classroom and to work independently. Hence we are giving lessons on ongoing work that the child can do by himself or herself without the assistance of the teacher. Lessons on edit, symbolizing, and Math Detective were among our recent introductory lessons.



This week we also introduced the garden. Our volunteers from LECOM, the College of Osteopathic Medicine, arrived to help us with our work. We were able to weed, cultivate, scatter organic fertilizer, rake, and mulch to prepare the ground for seedlings. We are also beginning our vermicomposting system. Students have already been introduced to the concept of this type of composting and its



benefits to the environment. We have much to accomplish this year and many exciting plans on the horizon.



Our big class trip is this year is to Sea Camp in the Florida Keys. The dates are May 6,7, and 8. Coming soon will be more information regarding tuition fees and when a deposit is due.

Calendar 2019

September 2- **SCHOOL CLOSED- Labor Day**

September 6-**Silent Journey day one 6:30pm—9pm**

September 7-**Silent Journey day two 9:00am—1pm**

September 18- **Picture Day**

September 27- **No School—Teacher retreat**

Thank You!

We would like to thank Michelle and Greg Howell for helping us with the bags of fertilizer for our garden. We had a chance this week to begin readying our garden beds for planting. The students all had a fun time getting our garden “off the ground!”



Mystery Math

If you can purchase 8 eggs for 26 cents, how many can you buy for a cent and a quarter?