



Center Montessori School

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With everyone back we have been busy getting back into our routine. We are talking about and experiencing how strong our words are and when we use them our friends listen to us. Many of our friends are still finding their words, in this case they understand everything we say, and we practice through the Adult's words. We know problems are good, they help us learn what to do. When we have a problem, such as a child is on the bridge and the child in front of them is not moving forward, therefore we have a road block. What we usually observe is the child that is behind begins to try to push through their friend. We are proactive and go quickly to help. We say, "We need to use our words. Our words are strong." Then we speak to the child who has stopped; "Please go, you need to move forward so your friend can go." Their friend moves down the bridge either at the ramp or the step. When they get down to the bottom, we say "Did you see how the words worked? Your friend heard them and knew what to do. Words are strong!"

While we work on using our words the verbal side will come. It is important to process through the problem solving for the internal experience. We continue to work on our language lessons through our object bags which are tiny miscellaneous objects we pick up and name. These are teacher lead lessons which much language is given and repeated. The children love these lessons and they keep asking for more. We have been practicing with two to three bags of different objects many times a week.

We began our first independent art work last week, water color painting. This lesson contains a small dish for water, a dish with one water color, a brush, a sponge, and one piece of water color paper. The child will take the lesson off the shelf and choose their space. They then take their water dish to the sink to fill it with water for their lesson then return to their work. They proceed to paint their art work and let us know when they are finished so we may put their work up to dry. They may choose to do it again or clean up and put it back on the shelf. This lesson has many steps to remember, has a beginning and an end, builds coordination and concentration.

Our farm also came out last week! This is a one person work which is very loved which we do on a floor mat. Yes, our floor mats are slowly coming out as we model lessons. The farm is a language lesson as we name all of the animals as well as a farmer, ladder, and fence. We talk about the animals, the purpose of the fence and ladder, then the child is open to explore. They love to pretend, and we have many conversations!

This week we began our first independent food preparation, slicing a banana. We always wash our hands first before we begin any food preparation. Then, the child chooses the work from the shelf, the child receives half of a banana and choose where they would like to do their work. First the child peels the banana, then proceeds to slice it. After slicing the child enjoys their banana slices. When the child is finished, the spreading knife and plate are placed into the dirty dish bin. We prepare the lesson for the shelf to get it ready for the next person with a clean plate and spreader and place it back on the shelf. This has been a very busy lesson this week!

Our conferences will be on October 15th. Please sign up through Sign Up Genius. Each parent should have received an email with the invitation to sign up. Please contact me if you have any questions about signing up.

Halloween will be here before we know it! In the Nest, we will work with different fall crafts in celebration of our holiday. While the school will have the big Halloween parade for all the students, we do not participate. The children are very young, and the parade can be a bit scary with all the costumes, music, and crowd of people. We will have our normal day. We do understand that some children with siblings may want to wear a costume to school. Costumes will be an open choice but not necessary. When we come inside from playground, we will help those with costumes to change.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Christine and Rosa

