



# Center Montessori School



We have had an amazing and full first two weeks of school! Our first week the children began learning their new routine. Our second week has been much more settled with all of the children making wonderful progress with their new adjustments! They are remembering when you are picking them up during the course of their day and are happy and busy in the classroom.

We are now working on our classroom ground rules to keep everyone safe and also learning how to manage ourselves in a social setting. This is all very big work for the children. We appreciate your help with consistency you are able to have at home to help with their success at school.

## Our Basic Ground Rules:

- ◆ \* We use gentle hands.
- ◆ \* We touch our own work.
- ◆ \* When a friend touches our work, we say “My work.” This tells our friend he or she may watch but not touch. When a work is back on the shelf it is available for the next person.
- ◆ \* We only watch our friend’s work, we do not touch.
- ◆ \* We walk inside and run outside.
- ◆ \* We throw balls outside.
- ◆ \* We “put” lessons back (“put” meaning gently putting away materials and lessons.)
- ◆ \* We speak quietly inside and can be loud outside.
- ◆ \* We sit when we eat.

We began our first music classes this week with Ms. Alicia! The children all joined in right away and loved it. We are working on songs where the children follow Ms. Alicia’s directions. We are having lots of fun moving our bodies.

We also prepared our first food this week, making guacamole. We cut the avocados then put them in a bowl. The children took turns with a mini potato masher, mashing the avocados into a very creamy dip. We enjoyed our guacamole at snack time with some yummy organic corn chips. It was a huge hit!

Please label all of your child’s items that come to school. The best way is with a permanent marker with your child’s initials or first name. The children help unpack their lunches and when they do, they sometimes place items on different tables. When this happens, we sometimes have no idea who an item may belong to. Labeling assures the item will be returned to you.

We are at the halfway mark for the deadline for having our immunizations and physicals submitted. At the end of the 30 days, those who still need this paperwork in their file may not return to school until we have their files complete. These are guidelines we must follow from the Department of Children and Families. We appreciate your help with this and are available if you have any questions.

We are looking forward to another wonderful week coming. Wishing everyone a great weekend and happy Labor Day.

Ms. Christine and Ms. Rosa

