



Center Montessori School

September 14, 2018



We have had a week of missing our friends. While so much effort goes into maintaining a clean environment, we also know that our young friends are working on their immune systems.

While we do have bouts of illness, we typically see them coming later in the year. This year it has hit us hard so early. Our goal is to keep everyone well and we need your help. If your child does not feel well and experiences a fever, diarrhea, yellow/green mucus from the nose, or doesn't seem to be acting like him/herself, these are all reason to monitor your child at home. We know with your help we will continue to have a healthy year with minimal illness. Currently we are

also not doing any active food preparation to maintain a more sterile environment until we are clear of our current virus. Thank you for your dedication to help our efforts.

Ms. Alicia brought in our first activity to music this week with scarves. The children danced and we moved the scarves to slow and fast music and even had a parade around the room. When it was time to put the scarves away, all the children helped them back into their box.

We brought in a few new lessons this week as we are beginning to align with our ground rules. The children are beginning to take their work out and also put it away. They are also respecting each other's work by not touching their friend's work and waiting until it is back on the shelf. This is big work for the children. One of the lessons we have added is spooning beans. This work has an indirect aim of left to right orientation for preparation of reading, as well as a beginning and an end. The direct aim of this lesson is the development of fine motor skills of the hand.

We began our reading curriculum this week watching the Words in Color "POP UP's." The children are learning the sounds and colors of the vowels. Our Elementary 1 teacher, Rachel Reid will have a Words In Color demonstration on Thursday, October 18th at 6:00pm. This will give you a more detailed explanation of our reading curriculum and how the process evolves.

In our envelopes last Friday, we sent home a sign up for the Redirecting Children's Behavior (RCB) classes which consist of two Saturdays conducted by Rachel Reid. If you are able to make the time to attend, it will be one of the most life changing choices as a parent. I say this from experience as I took the class before I was a teacher at the Center. This is a positive discipline course which gives you tools to be kind and at the same time firm. It is also parallel with your child's stage of development. The course is full of tools you can use and provides consistency because it teaches parents to use much of the same language we are using in our classroom environments. The class instruction is a one-time fee and you are welcome to attend any RCB classes offered at a later date for free as graduates. Our children continue to change the rules on us as they grow, and it is wonderful to connect with other parents who are having the same challenges. It is truly invigorating when you see the positive influences on your child. Saturday, September 29th will be the first workshop.



****Please note, this Tuesday, September 18th is our final day for having Florida Immunizations and Physicals placed in your child's file. If we do not have them by this date, the child may not return to school until the file is complete. This deadline is one the Department of Children and Families sets for children in the state of Florida and which we must follow. Thank you for getting this paperwork in to our office before the deadline.**

****Mark your calendar that Monday, October 15th will be our first Conference Day since the start of school.**

It is always a favorite time of mine to share in more detail what your child is choosing to do in the classroom and how they are developing. Our sign up will again be through Sign Up Genius. Please be on the lookout next week in your email for our sign up.

****Lastly, don't forget that Picture Day will be this coming Wednesday the 19th.**

Wishing everyone a healthy weekend!!

Christine and Rosa

