Dear Parents,

While we continue to settle in, what comes to my mind is, “Transitions.” In the Montessori environment we try very hard to limit the number of transitions in a child’s routine due to their high sensitivity to their sense of order at this age. Every change is a transition. While we do limit transitions, we still have many during our scheduled day:

* We come to school and are dropped off
* We leave the playground and transition inside for our morning work cycle
* On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have music from 9:05am-9:20am
* After our morning work cycle we have our line time
* We have snack
* We go to the bathroom and change diapers
* We have continued work cycle
* We go outside for playground and garden
* We come back inside for lunch
* We clean up, go to the bathroom and get changed
* We have half day dismissal and begin nap time
* We wake up, and get ready for our end of day dismissal

By keeping this same schedule each day we give the child security and confidence in knowing what is coming next during their day. At this time of year, each child adjusts in his or her own time frame which can take six to ten weeks for a full transition into a new routine.

At home

While I speak of our school routine, this applies to home, too. We do not really think of things like a parent being out of town, going to bed at a later time during celebrations, vacations, anything that is out of our ordinary every day routine. These things all can disrupt a child’s sense of order. I remember when my children were young, I would plan on three days to get back to a normal routine after I did something to disrupt it.
We ask always to help us support your child in the best way by letting us know if anything has changed at home in regards to their sense of order. We are able to give children extra attention and help when needed.

**New lesson**

We introduced our next food preparation lesson this week: spreading dairy free butter on gluten free crackers. This is a one person work and they are very busy being watchers too! We work on being respectful by watching and waiting for our turn, not touching a friend's work. This is very big work for the children, just to wait.

The children were very busy this week with all of our lessons. I am sure you have all observed that pictures have been more limited coming to you. The children being so busy in turn makes us very busy with the children. Your children come first and I thank you for understanding.

Have a wonderful weekend!!
Christine and Rosa

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**Important Dates:**

* No School: Teacher Retreat, Friday September 27th
* Redirecting Children’s Behavior with Rachel Reid Saturday October 5th and Saturday October 19th
* Parent Conference Day - No School, Monday October 14th Children not in attendance- Parent Sign up coming next week! 7:30am-4:00pm
* Words in Color Reading Demonstration, Thursday October 17th 6:00-7:00pm
Thank you to:
The Haspel Family for healthy snack the week of September 3rd
The Pallegar Family for healthy snack this week of September 9th
Coach Taylor for his addition of our small basketball hoop

Thank you to:
The Blackburn Family for healthy snack this week.

Nest Notes Pictures

Painting on our easel
Concentrating on our coloring
Spooning practice
Spreading butter on crackers with two eager watchers!