



Nest Notes

February 1, 2019

It is hard to believe that we are already into the month of February. While we have had several new friends joining us, this week we would like to welcome Atlas and his family to our Center Montessori family.

As teachers, we work foremost on our relationships with the children, creating the trust that we will protect and care for them. Each child is like a bank with deposits and withdrawals. Deposits are the love, kindness, guidance, modeling, giving of lessons, showing what to do, and more. An example of a withdrawal might be a time in which we must say no for safety reasons and the child becomes angry or mad. When we work on a positive relationship that is abundant with deposits in the child's bank, the impact a child experiences from a withdrawal is still one of love. They know the love is there, and even though they may be mad in the moment, they are receptive as we work through the problem. We like to say problems are good, because we get an opportunity to learn from them. The children grow and evolve through the challenges that arise. I am proud to say, as a parent of two alumni, that while we cannot avoid all the problems our children will face, we can help them navigate through with love, so they will be ready for the real world, and be strong, knowing themselves in such a positive and solid way. I am thankful for all the Center staff who taught my children and are colleagues in my life each day. Enrollment is open now for next school year to outside families. Please invite them to come and see who we are. I feel from my heart that it has been a beautiful gift for my own children and to me as a parent as I continue to watch them grow, and I love to share this gift with others.



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Music this week has been very shaky as Ms. Alicia has brought the maracas. The children love the sound they make. Some children choose one maraca and some choose two, having one for each hand. We shake them up, down, and all around. We even have a song about the sneaky snake that hides, making our shakers quiet, then we find him and our shakers get loud. Everyone has been enchanted with the shakers and the music. Thank you, Ms. Alicia.

We began our first Valentine project as we are attempting to make a pinch pot. This will be a project that will take us through to our holiday.

Be sure to pick up your hearts to purchase shoes for our Valentine Shoe Drive for Selby Preschool. They are available today.

We cannot create observers by saying 'observe', but by giving them the power and the means for this observation and these means are procured through education of the senses.

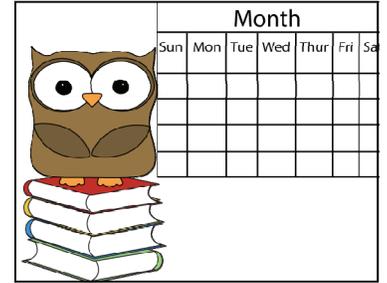
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Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar for March 21, as Dr. Ross Greene will be coming to speak to us as a faculty and also to you as parents. We thank CEPA, our Parent Association, for making this event happen. It will be held in the new library auditorium of the State College of Florida, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Dr. Greene will also be available for book signing.

Be on the lookout for our new snack schedule, which will be emailed to everyone next week.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Christine and Rosa



Never help a child with a task at
which he feels he can succeed.

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