

# E-2



# News

Center Montessori School

April 12th, 2019

*"To confer the gift of drawing, we must create an eye that sees, a hand that obeys, a soul that feels; and in this task, the whole life must cooperate. In this sense, life itself is the only preparation for drawing. Once we have lived, the inner spark of vision does the rest.."* Maria Montessori

**E2 Classroom Activities:** "Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel." -Socrates. In order to kindle this flame, teachers must meet students where they are. Montessori encourages teachers to "enthuse students to their innermost core." We know that this excitement is important for students to be fully engaged and to cultivate a deep and lasting understanding of material. Since digital materials are so much a part of each students' life, it behooves the teacher to utilize these tools as they can be catalysts for self-motivated and deep learning. Hence, the E2 classroom encourages the use of technology on a number of levels. Our new Apple TV and screen enables us to advantage ourselves of the plethora of TEDed and YouTube digital media available. It also enables us to present our own slide shows for cultural and science activities, like the dawn of early civilizations and chemistry. Additionally, students use iPads for independent research, including using their own earbuds to watch video



content for some of their lessons and projects. Students also have computers available to them in order to type, edit, and save their long term projects. Flash drives are used to back up their saved materials. Digital photography is used to document student work and to assist with individualized learning. With the recent addition of our new Chromebooks, we will now be able to edit student work in files that will be saved in the cloud. Delightful projects like the Switch Zoo Create Your Own Animal program are now possible because of this new digital component to our classroom. The students were very excited to use the new Chromebooks to choose different

heads, tails, and legs to create a new species while learning interesting facts about each one. Students have been busy accessing all the myriad forms of technology in the classroom as a way to engage and excite them in the process of learning.



May 8-10, 2019

Our big class trip is the amazing Nature's Academy program - The Water's Journey.

The remaining balance of \$525.00 is due February 1. There may be some additional costs which we will share with you closer to the trip.

If you would like to know more about the program please reach out to Jayne or Susan. You can also follow this link: <https://www.naturesacademy.org>

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## Calendar 2019

April 13- Spring Fling 6:00pm

April 15-18- Stanford Achievement Test week

Testing starts PROMPTLY at 8:30 am. Late students may have to wait in the office.

April 22- No School, Teacher Work Day

May 8-10-End of the year trip to Nature's Academy

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## Mystery Math

How can you add eight 8's to get the number 1000?