

E-2



News

Center Montessori School

September 28th, 2018

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E2 Classroom Activities: Some families may be familiar with “Big History.” This is the recent historical framework that delivers a big picture look at the world and helps us all have a better understanding of how we got here, where we’re going, and how we fit. Like Montessori it examines long timelines and uses a multidisciplinary approach based on numerous disciplines from science and humanities. We see the universe as a place that was 13.8 billion years in the making. https://www.ted.com/talks/david_christian_big_history?language=en.



The Montessori approach to history is very similar. In the E2 classroom we have reviewed pre history from the beginning of life on earth from the first living cells to the giant mammals of the Quaternary period of the Cenozoic era. This sets the stage for the dawn of early humans. This week we were introduced to Ardipithecus ramidus, one of the earliest of our hominin ancestors yet discovered.

Anatomy is ongoing and this week we made a number of discoveries about the respiratory system. Students were asked to calculate the number of breaths taken since their birth. (Hint: we take approximately 20,000 breaths a day)

Last Friday we celebrated Peace Day. Paper peace cranes populated the desks of E2 students along with peace pinwheels. We also had a lovely ceremony with the whole school. E2 students read a few poems about peace to contribute to the day. A day like this helps to inspire us as we focus on peace every day.



May 8-10, 2019

Our big class trip is the amazing Nature's Academy program - The Water's Journey. The **\$150.00 non-refundable deposit for this trip was due on September 7**. 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>

Calendar 2018

October 12- No School- Teacher Work Day

October 15- No School- Teacher Work Day

October 25th- Field Trip to Mahaffey Theater

October 31- Halloween Parade- 9:00am

*Thank
You!*

A huge thanks to Tricia Hackworth for making the wall of love for our dear Mara. So many messages of love and kindness were added by the E2 classroom.