

E-2



News

Center Montessori School

October 12th, 2018

"The person who is developing freely and naturally arrives at a spiritual equilibrium in which he is master of his actions, just as one who has acquired physical poise can move freely."
~Maria Montessori

Maria Montessori felt that cursive handwriting was the most natural movement of the child's hand. The child's first attempts at drawing and writing are usually in a circular motion on the paper. With this in mind, she felt that it was very important to teach cursive in school. Hence, E1 students have had numerous opportunities to experience cursive. This practice is continued in E2. At this stage we have added a new level of difficulty. Students are using fountain pens with beautiful blue ink to practice their capital and lower case letters. We have four pens that students share to accomplish this practice. So far this has been a tremendous hit in the classroom as students wait patiently for their turns to use the pens. Current research shows that cursive not only increases fine motor skills, it stimulates the brain and improves neural connections. It also improves the interplay of the left and right cerebral hemispheres.



We also began the study of sentence analysis this week. Students begin with the question, "What is the action in the sentence?" and then proceed to ask the question, "Who is it that does the action?" In this way students are gradually introduced to the idea of subject and predicate. These lessons support the diagramming of sentences that will begin in middle school.

Students were introduced to their scripts for the coming play, "Dar and the Spearthrower." We will cast the play soon, and students could know their parts by next Tuesday. Please know that every student gets a part, but not everyone will get their favorite part. As we explained to the children, there cannot be two or three actors for one part. We have to choose. Susan and I agree that casting the play can be one of the most difficult tasks of

the school year.



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 15- No School- Teacher Work Day

October 25th- Field Trip to Mahaffey Theater

October 31- Halloween Parade- 9:00am Special Lunch at 11:30am

January 16 - Dar and the Spearthower- Bayshore High School

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

*Thank
You!*

Thank you to Wayne Leiser and Kami Lungano for providing the entire class with a pizza party for Tommy's birthday! It was so thoughtful and delicious.