

E-2



News

Center Montessori School

November 9th 2018

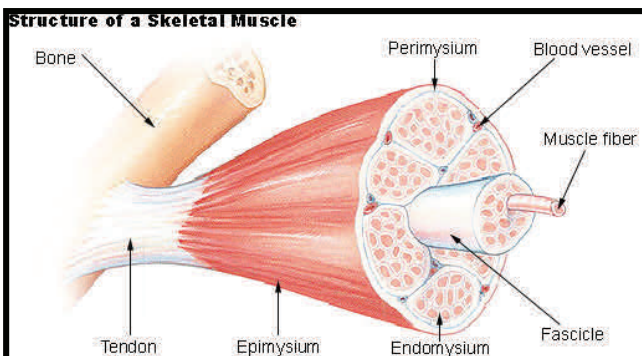
"Intelligence is the triumph of life; the unspoken word is the unspoken means by which intelligence is manifested." Maria Montessori

E2 Classroom Activities: The long view of history is the perspective taken in the Montessori method. We start at the beginning of the universe and follow history through to the present day. Today this is called "Big History". Science, the arts, history, language, and geography are woven together into big themes. We see history as everything that has happened until now. History becomes interesting as children become history.

E2 students have the opportunity to become the characters in the tribal drama of ancient early human communities. They do this by becoming actors in the play *Dar and the Spearthrower*. Students also represent a panorama of early humans from *Ardipithecus ramidus* to *Cro Magnon*. Students had their first off-script rehearsal this week, and most are doing very well. This will enable us to introduce props so students can really begin to feel as if they are living in ancient times. Students continue to keep up with their regular assignments and many are taking a little extra work home so that they can be more involved in the production.



We continued our study of anatomy with the muscular system. One interesting fact that we learned



was about the skeletal muscular system, which comprises 30%-40% of our total weight. We also learned about involuntary muscles and the manner in which these muscles function.

Literature Circles were a big hit this week. Probing questions were the fodder for insightful discussion. What fun!

have all enjoyed our outside time.

The weather has been delightful this week, and we



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

November 12- Literature circle assignment due

4th - The Tale of Despereaux pages 73-135

5th- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh pages 61-119

January 15 - Tech rehearsal for the play 2:30pm-5:30pm Bayshore High

January 16- *Dar and the Spearthrower* 7pm to 8:30 Bayshore High School

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