

# E-2



# News

Center Montessori School

November 30th 2018

"Speech is one of the main vessels that characterize man, and also one of the most difficult to operate. Rare exceptions that have been accomplished by nature." Maria Montessori

**E2 Classroom Activities:** Montessori believed that a child's imagination was integral to his or her development. She saw the ability to imagine things that were not truly present as a higher order thinking skill. Montessori felt strongly about the positive effects of one's ability to imagine and believed imagination to be the foundation of intelligence. Montessori considered that without the power of imagination modern scientific thought would not be possible. In one of her most famous quotes Montessori says, "Our aim therefore is not merely to make the child understand, and still less to force him to memorize, but so to touch his imagination as to enthuse him to his inmost core."



One of the ways that we do this is through plays. Not fantasy plays, but plays with real elements, as



in historical fiction. Hence our current play, *Dar and the Spearthrower*, a play adapted from Marjorie Crowley's historical fiction book by the same name, is a play about a real time in ancient history, a time when our ancestors were developing some of the first technologies. In creative play, students emulate their characters on the playground by crafting tools and making headdresses of leaves and flowers.

As part of our Grandparents Day we were able to give a preview of the play. Grandparents and special friends were impressed with the children's ability to project their voices, show appropriate emotion, and memorize their lines. We also had a chance to present our portfolios for our audience, giving our visitors a sample of some of the work that is done in our classroom. Our finale was community; we all had a chance to chat informally while we shared a delicious apple spice compote that had been made by the children. What a wonderful time was had by all!





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>

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## Calendar 2018

November 26- Literature circle assignment due

4th -The Tale of Despereaux pages 136-199

5th- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh pages 120-177

December 12th- Sandal check for the play. Must have a back strap

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

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*Thank  
You!*

Thank you to all the grandparents for talking the time to come and visit with us in the classroom. We really enjoyed sharing a little excerpt. from our early human class play.