Field Trips in the Montessori Education

In the Montessori education, field trips are carefully organized and become an extension of the classroom with the visits varying depending on the age of the child. These educational events are part of the Montessori curriculum and they vary in duration. We believe they present excellent opportunities for the students to increase independence, strengthen observation skills, and increase interest in a particular object. Field trips also allow the students to explore the world outside the classroom and help them build their confidence. As a Primary community, we participated in our first field trip this Friday at Mote Marine. Parents, students, and teachers were so excited to celebrate our 100th day of school.

One of the variations we offer the children are called In-House Field Trips. This is when outside resources come to our school to present a specific theme with the children gathered together by age group or by classroom. The Primary students recently had their first In-House Field Trip, when a police officer with the Manatee County Sheriff’s Department visited our school to talk about safety. The children listened carefully to his presentation and waited for the opportunity to ask questions. The students were very respectful and patiently waited for their turn. They were very excited to see the police car and some of the equipment that they use.

Our next In-House Field trip is on Wednesday, February 5th. This time we will host well known picture book author David Ira Rottenberg. Accompanying Mr. Rottenberg will be dancers from Sarasota Ballet’s Margaret Barbien Conservatory. Together, they will put on a reading dance performance of Mr. Rottenberg’s book, Gwendolyn, the Graceful Pig. Mr. Rottenberg will also autograph books. In your child’s Friday folder you will find a more detailed form if you wish to purchase a personally autographed book.

Another variation on Field Trips are what we call outings. This refers to a short trip outside the school that takes no longer than half of a day. We usually start outings the kindergarten year and in most cases chaperones are needed. Throughout the year our kindergarteners participate in various outings, often including trick or treating at The Windsor of Bradenton, blueberry picking at Albrittron Fruit Farm, delivering shoes to the Haven at Selby Preschool, and the end of the year Kindergarten Graduation Lunch-eon. Each and every one of the events present great opportunities to learn from the community, build a stronger community and to create fantastic memories among the community.

We also offer experiences to our parent community. We hope you join us next week at the Silent Journey, Friday from 6:30pm to 9pm and Saturday from 9am -1pm. This is our most popular and well-liked parent education event and allows you to truly experience the Montessori Method at work. Please contact the office for more information and to make a reservation. Child care is provided upon request.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Thank you to Skylar and Cameron's parents for gifting our classroom a children's book in honor of Cameron's 4th birthday. Thank you to Emmit's family & Maverick's family for offering beautiful flowers and a healthy snacks to the classroom this past two weeks.
What a wonderful day it was for our primary children today visiting Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium to celebrate 100 days of schools together!

Last Friday we had a great time celebrating the Chinese New Year by making mouse mask (it’s the year of the Rat), making Chinese flags and tasting Lo Mein with chop sticks.

Throughout the week P2 children enjoyed interactive activities to mark our 100 days of school together.

We loved our visit from Deputy Ralston from Manatee Country Sheriff’s Office.

Thank you to Arya and Madison for the last two weeks of snack contribution and beautiful flowers.
Primary 3 student were excited to have the visit of a Police officer from Manatee Sheriff Department.

Ian and Shail is practicing the use of chop sticks and enjoying lo main noodles in celebration of

Lola and Arya working together as team to make a batch of waffles that later we share with our Primary Community.

Aurora, Stone and Lily enjoying waffles with honey and strawberries for snack.

Thank you to the Smith and Wicks family for providing community snack this past two weeks.