



Center Montessori School

# PRIMARY PRESS

March 2, 2018

## PRIMARY 1



Thank  
you!

To **Matias, Sawyer & Gwen's** parents for offering snack for the classroom these past two weeks.  
To the families of **Finnegan, Gwen & Sawyer** and **Mikhail** for checking out library books for the class.

It certainly has been an eventful month in our classroom and throughout the school community. During the past two weeks with the arrival of the Chinese New Year, we have enjoyed learning all about China through music, food and books. The children have loved it so much that we are now learning some expressions in Mandarin! After our noodle tasting, your child may want to practice these expressions at a local Chinese restaurant. In celebration of Dental Health Awareness Month, we had the opportunity to have Dr. Shafi (Mikhail's mom) visit our classroom and give a beautifully delivered presentation on dental care. The children learned all about brushing, flossing, healthy eating, cavities and wiggly teeth. They asked many thoughtful questions and took home a generous bag of goodies to keep them involved in their own dental hygiene. Currently, the practical life section of the classroom hosts a variety of activities to enhance children's learning in this area. We have a set of teeth anatomy model that is getting brushed and flossed on a daily basis, a parts of a tooth booklet that is frequently borrowed from the shelf by many and a tooth sorting activity that has become very popular.

Each year, we kick off Montessori Education Week by gathering together and listening to the elementary children tell the story of Dr. Maria Montessori. It is always a great opportunity to share with the children the message of hope Montessori had for mankind through peace education. We also read Aline D. Wolf's book "Our Peaceful Classroom" as we do each year with the children. Spring is nearing and it will soon be time for us to meet for our second parent/teacher conference. I will be sending a note home next week in your child's envelope for you to tell me which days/times are convenient for you to meet. Then I will schedule our conference throughout the months of March and April. Please keep in mind that if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's days with us, I am always happy to arrange a meeting with you after or before school at your earliest convenience.

Have a wonderful weekend.



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To **Evan** and **Alice** who brought in such interesting artifacts relating to China! We loved discovering China!

To **Lily** and **Camilo** for their contribution to our community snack and for the lovely flowers.

## PRIMARY 2

Throughout this week we have celebrated Maria Montessori across our campus. We started the week off by gathering together to hear E1 children read a timeline of Dr. Montessori's life. Back in class we talked again about who she was and what she did. The children were fascinated that she created our classroom materials! We then went around our classroom naming various lessons. It gave us a whole new perspective to think about someone being personally responsible for our materials.

What fun the children had investing with and learning about coins over the past two weeks! The children enjoyed looking closely at our former presidents on a penny, nickel, dime and quarter. We also discussed how much each are worth, then counted how many pennies are in a nickel, dime and quarter. We also tried out counting by fives and tens; maybe you can try it at home with them. The older children worked with the coins in their math lessons and were introduced to counting up cents. We even had some fun with penny rubbings.

Our kindergarten children are enjoying their study of the geography maps. So much so that it has lead us to the flags of the world, with extended afternoon lessons on the map of the United States of America and discussions about various states. We discovered the biggest states (Alaska and Texas), the smallest (Rhode Island) and our country's capital (Washington, D.C). We also shared information about where some of our families live, the distance to various places and where some of us have been. It was great fun and we continue to learn interesting facts about our own country. Now on to Florida!

Everyone had a great time visiting the Book Fair with the kind help of the 6th grade students and parent volunteers. It was great to see how excited the children were about books! Such a nice experience for each of them to go over and do their own 'shopping', and a perfect way to spark interest in reading by allowing them to choose what they are interested in.

If you have not already signed up for the Spring Term Snack and Flower contribution I have assigned you a date. In this week's Friday folder you will find a copy of the signup sheet. If for some reason the date you've been given doesn't work for you, please let me know and we can change it.

We look forward to seeing everyone tonight at our annual School Wide Celebration at 5:30pm. Be sure to look for our class poster on yoga where you can find a photo of your child in his or her favorite yoga pretzel pose! Remember the Book Fair is open for you to shop with your child.

Our Composer of the Month is Johann Strauss and our Artist of the Month is Pablo Picasso. The children have enjoyed listening to the dance music of Strauss. Please may I ask you to send in any old magazines that contain faces? We have a fun project we need these for.



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Please remember to  
always check your child's  
Friday folder for  
important information  
and notices from the  
teachers.

Thank  
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To **Oliver V.** for providing community snack this week and to all the families who donated books from this year's Book Fair.

## PRIMARY 3

What a great week. As a group the past few days we have been playing different games with the children related to our continents. One of the games that the children really like is the "Missing Continent Game." At first I started hiding only one of the continents and the children had to figure out which one was missing. As the game progressed, I was able to hide two or more continents at a time and the children were able to give the right answers. The main purpose for this game is to provide the children a fun experience as they remember and recognize the continents. Each child made their own "hemisphere" using a foam disc that they painted blue to represent the oceans; they pushed pinned each of the continents and glued them to the foam disc.

For vocabulary enrichment this week the students studied the four cardinal points and the compass. Standing in the center of our classroom we determine that Miss Crystal's class is located on the north side of our classroom, Miss Saleha's classroom is located at south side, the school office is located on the east side and the road is on the west side. The question for them to figure out was from which side the sun rises? And also from which side we can appreciate the sunset? At playground and after, looking at the sky, they were able to answer those questions. Inside the classroom they were allowed to use the compass to determine which side of the room they would like to work.

To celebrate Montessori Education Week, the children attended an E1 performance on the life of Maria Montessori. Our students then enjoyed several group activities on peace education, a goal of Dr. Montessori. We had a peace walk around our school and visited the school peace garden.\

Have a wonderful weekend!