



Nest Notes

April 16, 2021

Dear Center Nest Parents,

Monday, as we began our week, we observed the children coming back into their environment in an excited yet very relaxed tone. Everyone was working as they moved through the atmosphere from one lesson to the next.

This brings thoughts of Dr. Montessori's absorbent mind's writings and the relationship between concentration and the will and how they are developed. The inner forces of the child must be allowed to guide him. Through his work and concentration, he becomes independent of the adult. As this happens, his will develops. When a child is continuously told what to do, and the inner forces are interrupted, the choice does not build his character, and thus the child grows to one who has no will and cannot make his own decisions. This is a reminder that there is a fine line which we must be careful not to cross. Help is provided when needed, yet the struggle is also an important piece of the building block. We watch carefully before we step in to help. Often, we will want to jump in to help the child, but we wait and then observe the child having a proud experience of success. We are always cautious not to help too soon.

Montessori also suggests that we cannot "teach" the child character, morals and socialization. It comes about through concentration and normalization. We cannot teach this, but the experience can in the Montessori classroom environment. The mixed age group helps with socialization while the experiences are never-ending and full of promise.

This week we have also continued working on our project painting for the spring fling event; there is much process when we work with our young friends as we encourage them to take their time as they enjoy their work.

The moving up toddlers will be visiting Primary environments in the next few weeks. I will be contacting you individually to let you know when your child will visit. This visit will give your child a taste of what is to come next year. It is always a wonderful day.

We will have our last day and the end of the year party on Thursday, May 27th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; please mark your calendars as this is a busy day and we love including all of our parents to celebrate our last day before summer break. We still need volunteers to coordinate our party, please let me know if you are interested.

Parents-Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, April 30th, please contact me if you have not yet scheduled your conferences.

Have a wonderful weekend!!!

Miss Rosa and Miss Ashley





Sophie is painting her wood shapes for our Spring Fling project.

Amaré is painting using bubble wrap.



Santiago is working on a threading activity using wooden objects.



Zachary, Sophie and Santiago are playing in the sandbox.



Ethan admiring his paint using bubble wrap.



Azariah is matching colors .