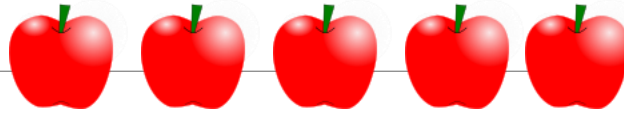




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August/September 2023

Key Dates in August/September

- **August 28**—First Day of School, Regular and Extended Classes Begin
- **September 1**-Tuition Payment 2 of 10 Due
- **September 2**– Morton Arboretum field trip forms DUE
- **September 4**– Labor Day NO CLASS
- **September 6**– Yoga
- **September 13**– Yoga
- **September 16**– Kindergarten parent meeting
- **September 20**– Yoga
- **September 22**– Morton Arboretum field trip– NO CLASSES
- **September 22**– Scholastic order forms DUE
- **September 27**– Yoga
- **September 29**–In-service Day– NO CLASSES

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Tidbits From The Teachers



Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are sure there are several emotions everyone is feeling as we send our youngsters to school for the first time, or maybe this is their last year as kindergartners. Regardless of which milestone you are approaching with your young student, it can be a very exciting, yet anxious time. As your children’s second teachers and caregivers, we are quite aware that these first couple of weeks can be difficult for both you, as the parents, and for your children. We would like to express our sincere dedication in making yours and your child’s transition as smooth as possible. As most of you already know, we are committed to open and honest communication with our families for the best interest of our students. We are all working as a team toward the success of your children’s social, emotional, and educational growth.

During the first couple of weeks we will focus on learning the rules of our classrooms, reviewing classroom materials, making new friends, reconnecting with our old friends, and having lots of fun! Our kindergartners will quickly become aware of their new leadership positions in their classes as they are now “the big kids.” Our new students will be learning to observe and ask for assistance from their peers, as well as their teachers. The beauty of multi-age classrooms makes this all possible.

Our best words of wisdom to share with all of you are:

- Quick good-byes are best.
- Consistency is essential when it comes to attendance.
- The tears are usually short-lived.
- If you have a question or concern please talk to us right away.

We truly love what we do and care about them as they were our own!

Welcome back to



Extended Day Reminders

Lunch each day is a peaceful time for us to come together as a group. We take turns setting the tables and getting ready. We do have a microwave available in class to heat things up for lunch, but there are a few rules to keep things running as smoothly as possible. If your child likes macaroni and cheese, please prepare it at home and send it in a microwaveable container. "Easy Mac" takes about 3 and a half minutes to cook and it only takes about 45 seconds to reheat. Please do not send prepared frozen meals.

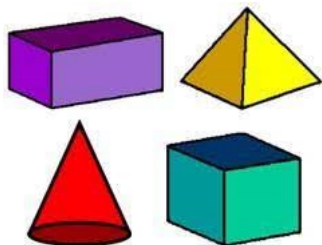


All of these take too much time to heat up. If Spaghettios or ravioli are the favorite please consider a thermos. These work really well, and we always check to make sure the contents are still warm enough. Our lunch does not begin until all of the children are ready to eat, so if a number of them have meals that take 3 to 4 minutes to heat, it

can become a problem! Thank you for your help with this. You will never know what a difference these things make!



Extended Day Updates



Math Madness



As Dr. Maria Montessori says,

"The CHILD is the builder of man. There is no man existing who has not been formed by the child he once was".

As the child is the building block of humanity, SHAPES are the building blocks of our world. We will be beginning our year with the study of geometric shapes. We will build upon our knowledge of shapes and learn how to construct / build new shapes by using simple shapes.



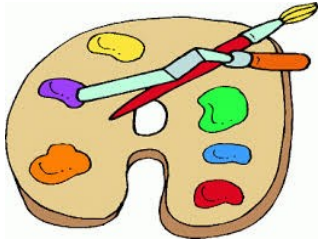
Science Discoveries

"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world..." Maria Montessori

Science is a field of research and exploration. We want to spark this interest in our children as early as possible. So, we are beginning our year with exploring simple machines.



Extended Day Updates (Cont...)



Art Appreciation



“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up.” Pablo Picasso

Art is a fantastic tool for self expression, creativity, and stress relief. Starting a child’s love for art and creation at an early age helps them retain those skills and passions into adulthood. For our art classes together this year, we will be learning about various artists and using their work as inspiration for our own projects. For the first month, we will be reviewing the fundamentals of art such as how to use the materials properly and safely.



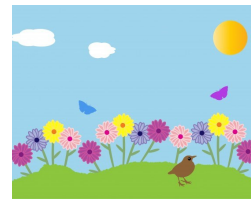
Phonics Fun



Every Thursday we will be focusing on phonics, which is learning the sounds of letters. The Montessori Phonics curriculum is one the most effective ways to teach preschoolers beginning to read. We will begin with the important vowel sounds, then make our way through the entire alphabet using songs, games, stories, and crafts.

Fun Friday

Outside playing games and running relay races is where we will be spending our first fun Fridays together.



Reminders from the Office



To keep the numerous papers flowing between school and home we distribute **family envelopes** every Wednesday. If you do not receive your envelope, please inquire with your lead teacher. We include various documents (Scholastic Book order reminders, field trip information, events, etc.). **Families are asked to remove the contents and return your envelope to school the next day!** Paperwork gets lost if we do not have your envelope!

It is up to each family to read the **monthly newsletter**. The newsletter contains **important** information including upcoming events, changes in the school calendar, and holidays we are celebrating. In some cases, you will need to bring items to school on a particular day with regards to something we are doing that day, and we wouldn't want your child to be left out.

Tuition envelopes are distributed via the weekly family envelopes during the third week of each month. They are to be returned with payment no later than the 1st of each month.

Tuition checks should be for **tuition only**. All payments for other activities such as field trips and others events, are to be paid separately and returned to school with the corresponding paperwork.

If you donate supplies to our school, please remember to include your name with your donation. We want to make sure we thank everybody for their generosity.

For the first month of school, we ask that you keep a sign in your car window with your child's name on it.

Birthday Procedures



Your child's birthday is very special to us and we love to celebrate with them. We ask that on their birthday you send photos of your child from birth to current age. You may also send treats to share with the class. We do ask that you include small paper plates and napkins to make clean-up easy. Please note, however, that the celebration has to be limited to treats without messy frosting to keep clean-up under control. **As always, do not send any food items containing nuts.**

We also need to keep the celebration to a time limit to keep to our day's schedule of academics. Please no Piñatas or other elaborate celebrations. If your child is having a party at home and plans to only invite some of his/her classmates, please give any invitations to the teacher to discretely distribute in the family envelopes. Thanks for your cooperation!

Orders In September



SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic books are a great way to build your child's library at home. Our school receives a free book with each order. This is a great way for parents to order a book for home to share quality reading time with your child as well as provide a book for their classroom. All orders are due online around the second week each month. Fliers will be distributed in family envelope.

Morton Arboretum Field Trip

Field trip forms are due on Friday, September 1st.

Our first field trip will be on September 22nd to the Morton Arboretum's Childrens Garden. Please have your students wear their school T-shirts on this trip :)

Montessori of Plainfield Website & Facebook Page

Our website: www.montessoriofplainfield.com is a valuable tool! You can access many forms, monthly calendars, our 2023-2024 Master Calendar for the year, and Newsletter anytime! Please keep this in mind when you are looking for something or need help.

Facebook and Instagram: Please find us and like us on Facebook and Instagram under Montessori of Plainfield & Frankfort! We often post pictures, updates and reminders on our Facebook page.





Dr. Maria Montessori

Maria Montessori was born in Italy in 1870. Dr. Montessori was the first woman to receive a medical degree in Italy and following graduation she became director of a school for the mentally disabled in Rome. While at this school she formulated her philosophies, principles, and methods for the education of very young children. She achieved startling results and the children under her tutelage passed many exams given to normal children.

Her system of education, which proudly bears her name today, is widely acclaimed by educators and psychologists. Dr. Montessori lectured and wrote numerous books on learning and the child until her death in 1952.

Today, in Montessori schools all over the world, her teachings are an inspiration to educators and parents who believe in the overwhelming educational influence of the first six years of a child's life.

Recommended Reading:

- *Absorbent Mind, *Maria Montessori*
- *Essential Montessori, *Michael Olaf*
- *Maria Montessori Her Life and Works, *E.M. Standing*
- *The Montessori Method, *Maria Montessori*
- *Secret of Childhood, *Maria Montessori*

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