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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2024



Key Dates in May	
• <b>May 1st:</b> Tuition Due	
• <b>May 1st:</b> Yoga	
• <b>May 7th:</b> Estimated chick hatch	
• <b>May 8th:</b> Yoga	
• <b>May 11th:</b> Kindergarten Graduation	
• <b>May 12th:</b> Mother's Day	
• <b>May 15th:</b> Last day of class and student picnic—No Extended Day class	
• <b>May 15:</b> Summer camp session I— Payments DUE	
• <b>May 17th—18th:</b> In-service Day for teachers Classroom Clean-Up.	
• <b>May 27th:</b> Memorial Day	
• <b>June 4th:</b> First Day of Summer Camp Session I	

### Year-End Thoughts from Your Teachers

As our final month of school approaches, the activities in our classrooms and homes are ramping up.

The children are so excited to watch the final stages of our lifecycle projects take shape. They are making so many spontaneous and insightful observations in the science area—a perfect example of a Montessori child's natural desire to explore and learn.

Spring is such a wonderful time for outdoor learning. So many beautiful changes are taking place in nature, with so many opportunities for hands-on botany and environmental science lessons and experiences. As the weather continues to improve, we'll definitely be taking advantage of these learning moments so children can connect more closely with nature.

All of us adults and children are probably experiencing mixed emotions right about now. Our beloved children are completing another milestone in their young lives, yet leaving behind so much that's comforting and familiar.



Kindergartners are excited but perhaps also feeling the sadness from knowing they'll soon be leaving the nurturing classrooms they have called home for three years. They must also be feeling eager to be moving on to first grade.

Our second year students must also feel elated about stepping up to their new positions as leaders in their classrooms, but also likely experiencing uncertainty about the new challenges ahead in kindergarten. Even our youngest friends are walking a little taller and more confident as they begin to master many new skills while looking ahead to learning more complex activities.

As adults helping to shape these precious young lives, it is our responsibility to help our students in dealing with these mixed emotions, even as we experience them ourselves. We must do everything we can to embrace their new roles, empathize with their apprehensions, and help them navigate all of these changes successfully.

On behalf of the entire staff of the Montessori of Plainfield, we would like to thank all our wonderful families for their support of our program. Your donations to our classrooms, and the many volunteer hours spent helping the teachers outside and inside the classrooms are very much appreciated.

As they say, "it takes a village to raise a child." Our little village has been exceptional in all we've done for our children this year.

Have a wonderful summer and never stop learning and seizing on the opportunity of each teaching moment.

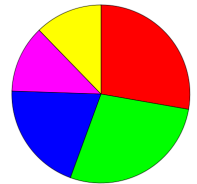
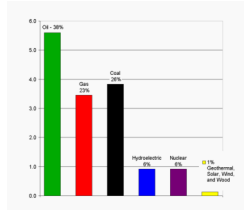


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## Extended Day Updates

### Math Madness

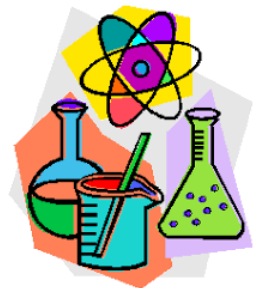
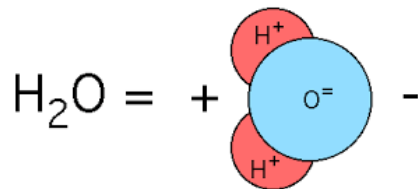
During our last few classes of Math Madness, we will be using the skills we've learned over the past months. The children will be playing math games and doing fun math activities to show off their skills and have lots of fun!



### Science Discoveries

Children are born scientists.

They learn by experimentation in their daily life. In the last month, we learned about light and sound. This month in science, we are experimenting with water. We are learning about the unique properties of water such as solubility and its ability to convert itself into all three states of matter i.e. solid, liquid and gas.



### Art Club

This month for art we will be creating spring themed crafts using all of the techniques we've learned throughout the year!



# Phonics Fun

We have learned so much about the sounds each letter in the alphabet makes even some consonant digraphs to help us become better readers! We're so proud of everyone for knowing and recognizing these letters. For the last few weeks in May, we will be wrapping up our fun phonics lessons and creating a craft from the book "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom".



# FUN FRIDAYS

Fridays with our student have been so much fun! From cooking, to "minute to win it" games, to scavenger hunts, to planting, each month has been something new and exciting! Our last few classes will focus on outdoor obstacle courses! Keeping our bodies moving and challenging ourselves to try new things will be our objective.



**END OF THE YEAR  
CLASS PICNIC**

Wednesday, May 15th

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Please send your child with a sack lunch, sun-screened-up, and ready to have some fun!

More details will be sent home soon. Each family will be asked to donate something for our picnic in order to make this event a success.



**THANK YOU**

Melia- Lysol wipes

Vyom- Storage containers, Lysol wipes, Pipe cleaners, Pom poms, Googly eyes, Michael's gift card

Alex- Pony beads, Bubbles, Cardstock

Stephan- Construction paper

Aria- Chalk, Bubbles, Magic erasers

Benjamin- Clorox wipes, Cardstock, Chalk

Sophia- Chalk

Bianca- Cardstock, Chalk, Bubbles, Sand toys, Magic erasers, Lysol wipes, Potting soil, Bird seed

Jacob- Bubbles, Sand toys, Mr. Clean, Birdseed

Emersyn- Chalk, Scrapbook paper

Maisha- Sand toys, Chalk

Michelle- Bird seed, Chalk, Bubbles, Sand toys, Lysol wipes

Ella- Bird seed

Stevee- Cardstock, Bubbles

## Reminders from the Office

- ✍️ **2024-2025 Enrollment**—All students that have submitted re-enrollment applications for the fall have been processed. If you submitted an application and did NOT receive an acceptance letter and forms, please contact Nikki Carchedi immediately at: [Montessoriofplainfield@gmail.com](mailto:Montessoriofplainfield@gmail.com)
- ✍️ **2024-2025 School Year—1st Tuition Payment Due:** If you have not already made your first tuition payment for the 2024-2025 school year, it is now **PAST DUE**. Please note—even if you are planning to pay your tuition in full, a first tuition payment is still due now.
- ✍️ **2024-2025 Health Forms**—All health forms for the 2024-2025 school year must be on file before we return to school in the Fall. Required health forms were sent home to returning students with registration letters. Please note, all incoming Kindergarten students must have a vision exam and a dental exam in addition to their physical and shot record. If you have questions about any of the health documentation, please call or e-mail the office at 815/254-0136 or [montessoriofplainfield@gmail.com](mailto:montessoriofplainfield@gmail.com).
- ✍️ **2024-2025 School Calendar**— Our 2024-2025 school calendar was sent home to all students. Please keep this in a safe place as there will **not** be a summer mailing with a reminder. The calendar is available on our website. Please note our 1st day of school for **returning** students is Monday, August 26, 2024.
- ✍️ **Sunscreen and safe shoes**—We are asking all parents to be weather cautious and apply sunscreen to your child before going to school each morning. **Flip flops are not safe shoes for our play areas**, please make sure to send your child in sturdy, safe shoes for outdoor play. As the weather gets warmer we will incorporate as much outside play into our school day as we can.
- ✍️ **Scholastic Books**—Thank you so much for your support of this program all year! Your generosity each month allowed us to add lots of books on CD, floor puzzles, classroom materials, and many new favorite books to our classroom collections for the children to enjoy.





# Thank you!

We would like to extend a very special thanks to all of our parents and families who volunteered your time, donated supplies and supported our school over the past year. As teachers we realize that our job is made easier because of your dedication and hard work.

*Interested in sponsoring our Newsletter for this school year? This is a great way to advertise your business. Our newsletter is read by approximately 30 families each month. Please contact Nikki Carchedi at 815.254.0136 for more information.*



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