



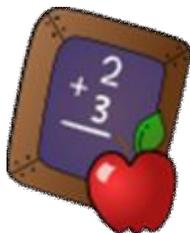
### Key Dates in September

- September 1— Tuition 2 of 10 Due
- September 1—Regular Schedule begins
- September 4th—Labor Day— NO SCHOOL
- September 5—Extended Day begins
- September 6th -Sweatshirt & T-Shirt orders due
- September 13th—Morton Arboretum field trip permission slips and money due.
- September 15th—Scholastic book orders due
- September 29th—Morton Arboretum Field Trip

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## Tidbits From The Teachers



Welcome to the 2017-2018 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 they are now kindergartners. Regardless of which milestone you are approaching with your young student, it can be a very exciting, yet an 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, as it is only in 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!

## Morton Arboretum Field Trip

Our first field trip this year will take place on **Friday, September 29 at Morton Arboretum.** It is the 1,700 acre home to plants from 65 countries around the world.

With miles of beautiful trails, there is a flurry of nature and activity to explore.

Our day will encompass a self-guided tour of the Arboretum's Children's garden. This space is four acres of delight. It is a safe place for children to make a connection to nature through interactive exhibits. Included are a Canopy Walk, the Adventure Woods, a Secret Stream, a

Curiosity Garden and the Bloom, Zoom and Sprout Garden. More detailed information and permission forms will come home soon.



## Extended Day Lunch 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 re-heat. Please do not send prepared



frozen meals ( Kid Cuisine, Kashi, Stouffer's etc.). All of these take too much time to heat up. If Spaghetti's 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. Well, I'm sure you see the problem!

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



## Extended Day Updates

### Science & Geography Club

Science and Geography are such interesting and fun topics for children! This year we plan to study a variety of subjects, including life cycles, nutrition, desert life, organs of our bodies and many more.

We will begin by learning about maps and directions. The children will then enjoy putting their map skills to work by venturing out into the community and gathering information about different businesses and people that make up our town.

Lastly, since Johnny Appleseed's birthday is this month, we will map out his travels and discuss his life.



### Art Club

The subject of art is such a great avenue for children to be able to express themselves and their feelings, even if they don't have the words. This area is one of the few places where children really can be free to show who they are and what they like. Just as great artists have done in their masterpieces, we will give the children a chance to show who they are while learning about great works of art.

Throughout the year I will be introducing different artists and their work, and discuss the children's interpretations of what they see. I will help guide them as they learn to take a closer look at each piece of art we view. I will include each week a simple explanation of the techniques used and that will be incorporated into the lesson. Additionally, you can't appreciate art without trying it yourself, so there will be lots of time for the students to try the techniques that are learned and to create their own expressive masterpieces!



### Phonics Fun

Welcome to Phonics Fun, our Thursday Extended Day Program. We will build upon the concepts worked on in our regular school sessions, using a mix of reading, games, projects, and worksheets to reinforce the concepts introduced. We will also have special themed units throughout the year.

September will include some introductory activities to start the year. Our beginning readers will focus on the letters A, B, & C, while our early readers will focus on vowel sounds. I am looking forward to another great year of Phonics Fun!





## 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 (i.e., Scholastic Book order forms, field trip information, 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, and we would hate for 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 (book orders, field trips etc..) are to be made 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.** This will help make our dismissals go more smoothly until staff members become familiar with your cars.

## 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 so as 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 may 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 wonderful inexpensive way to share the love of reading with your children. You may order online, or by the traditional paper method. Our school receives bonus points for all orders placed through us. Order forms for September will come home soon and are due in by September 15th.



## Spirit Wear Order

**Sweatshirts/T-Shirts** will be ordered again this year. If possible, we like to have all students wear our school shirt during field trips. Order forms are included in your family envelope and are due back to school by September 6th (so we'll have our shirts in time for our first field trip). Parents are welcome to order also.

## Montessori of Frankfort Website & Facebook Page

Our website: [www.montessorioffrankfort.com](http://www.montessorioffrankfort.com) is a valuable tool!

You can access many forms, our master calendar for the year and newsletter anytime! As always, you can reach us via our email address at:

[montessorioffrankfort@gmail.com](mailto:montessorioffrankfort@gmail.com)

Please keep this in mind when you are looking for something or need help.



## Introducing Robin Chandler

The Montessori of Frankfort school is excited to welcome Ms. Robin (Chandler) to our dedicated teaching team for the 2017-2018 school year! Ms. Robin will be co-teaching with Miss Linda. Ms. Robin brings smiles, songs and a deep passion for integrating the arts, while lovingly teaching the young children of tomorrow! With more than 20 years of experience, Ms. Robin delights in fostering the amazing and deeply formative moments that lead to a life long love of learning, creativity and of self.

Bright futures take flight when small hands and wide eyes discover the wonders for words, numbers, and the magic awaiting in the world where we live!

We can't wait for Ms. Robin to be with us every day and we hope you and your children look forward to her joining us too!



## 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:*

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

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