



Key Dates in October

- **October 1st**—Tuition Due
- **October 1st**—Picture Day! **All Student Attendance this day!**
- **October 5th**—Teachers Institute—NO SCHOOL
- **October 8th**—Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL
- **October 9th**—Mother/Son Bowling RSVP's due
- **October 10th**—Parents' Night 6:30-7:15 PM
- **October 15th**—Online Scholastic Orders Due
- **October 28th**—Mother/Son Costume Bowling Party 12:00—2:00 PM
- **October 31st**—Halloween Celebrations—All classes. **NO EXTENDED DAY CLASSES**

Tidbits From The Teachers

Happy fall! The children have been doing a wonderful job adjusting and making new friends. They are becoming more comfortable in their classrooms each day, and it is so gratifying to see them choose work that



they enjoy and are curious to learn more about. Each month we will incorporate a different topic into the classroom that coincides with your child's independent learning. During the month of October we love to immerse all areas of the classroom with fall-themed activities. The children will be exploring the different parts of leaves and trees through hands-on projects, such as identifying, coloring and labeling their parts, leaf rubbing and using the

leaf insets to make beautiful collages. We will also focus on observing the season, and all of the fascinating changes that come with it.

Another area that we will be exploring is the Solar System. This is always a wonderful time in our classrooms as the children are very excited to learn about our planets, using our planet models, singing our planet song, and making their very own Solar System!

As the leaves fall and the temperatures begin to drop, our outside time will become increasingly more valuable. Please remember to dress your children in weather-appropriate outerwear so that they may take advantage of what sunshine and comfortable temperatures remain of the season.



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Extended Day Updates

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Math Madness



- We have been enjoying learning about shapes and doing different activities this past month. The children enjoyed making these shapes and then doing projects using them. This month we will focus on learning numbers. We will work with them to recognize the numbers, as well as counting the quantities.



Art Club



- They say proof is in the pudding. Fostering the creativity that experiencing the arts brings is a key component of Montessori teaching. Encouraging the natural curiosity of children and their attraction to the wonders found in nature and the arts helps them to become attuned to the details around them. Learning about the works of the masters, using simple explanations, and discussing children's interpretations of those works will be a primary focus for this year. For the month of October we will study Van Gogh. He used vivid colors and broad brushstrokes in his work. There are many ways to interpret his works, which have inspired massive numbers of artists for well over 100 years. We'll incorporate plenty of opportunities for self-expression and creativity as the children experiment with different techniques and work in various media to create their very own masterpiece!



Science Discoveries

- At this stage, the children are mostly egocentric (i.e., their thoughts and actions are all centered towards themselves). Their form of gathering information is by experiencing doing things with their own hands. It means more to them than someone telling them. In our extended science lessons on Tuesdays, we have been exploring our five senses. The children have been enjoying our little experiments, games, and nature walks to enhance their knowledge and awareness of the senses. This month we will continue exploring the different parts of our body and their functions. This creates a spatial awareness of their bodies and environment at this age as they continue to grow.



Phonics Fun

As we continue through the alphabet with our “Letter of the week” we have a fun project for each student to work on. Each week we have a letter book and a project which represents our letter. These fun project touches on so many aspects of the building blocks to reading and writing. Teaching the phonetic sound, letter recognition, and printing our letter is the goal for each week.

Fun Fridays



Fun Fridays have been just that.... Fun and games!

We have spent our Fridays learning to play game like “RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT”, “Headbanz”, “Chutes and Ladders” to name a few. We’ve had relay races, long adventure walks by the river paths, listened to stories, played our instruments and even laid in the grass and admired the beautiful clouds. I cannot think of a better way to enjoy our Fridays with the children.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION!

Wednesday, October 31st

Our room parents will host a spooktacular party during class that day!

Please note the following guidelines:

- Do not send any weapons with costumes.
- Send your child dressed in his or her costume.
- Do not send your child in a mask they cannot see through clearly.
- No high heel costume shoes for the girls, safe comfortable shoes are best for everyone.
- *Please remember—No extended day classes on Wednesday, October 31st.*

NOTE: All treats should be individually wrapped. As always, **NO TREATS CONTAINING NUTS.**

Reminders from the Office

✍ **Family Envelopes** are sent home every Wednesday. We include various documents (i.e., 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!

✍ **Tuition envelopes** are to be used **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.

✍ **Policy and Procedure Manuals** were received by all families upon enrollment with us. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the material in this manual. It contains important information relevant throughout the school year.

✍ **The Newsletter** contains important information including what is going on at school, upcoming events, changes in the school calendar, and holidays we are celebrating. In some cases, you will be asked to bring items to school. ***Please be sure to thoroughly read your newsletter.*** We would hate for you to miss out on anything!

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✍ **Scholastic books** are a wonderful inexpensive way to share the love of reading with your children. Our school receives bonus points for all orders placed through us. Order reminders are sent home in family envelopes and are always due online by the 15th of each month. Happy Reading!

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CATALOGS

We will be sending home copies of the Montessori Services [for small hands catalog](#).

These catalogs are a great resource for families to purchase items to help bring Montessori learning into your home.

We will receive a credit toward the purchase of materials for all orders placed using our customer number that is located on the back of your catalog.

If you have any questions please contact Mickey Peterson at montessorioffrankfortt@gmail.com.



Mummy/Son Costume Bowling Party

Sunday, October 28, 2018

12:00 to 2:00 p.

Plainfield Lanes

15610 Joliet Road, Plainfield

815-782-7790

Includes bowling, shoes, pizza, soft drinks, an arcade game card (good for 24 credits), a trip to the Laser Maze, a photo of you and your little man, a goodie bag, and lots of fun!

Please **RSVP's NOLATER** than Tuesday, October 9th

(Invite will be sent home in family envelope)

The teachers and children would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who donated items to our school during the month of September. Your generosity contributes to the success of our school.



- * Arena Family—Pasta noodles, glue sticks, \$20 cash donation
- * DeLaPaz Family—Scissors, Pom poms, popsicle sticks
- * Dickhaut Family—Kleenex, paper towels, food coloring, pasta noodles, glue sticks
- * Guerrini Family—Glue sticks, paper towels, black sharpies
- * Iovu Family—Baby wipes, paper towels, Walmart gift card
- * Kanellakas—Glue sticks, pom poms, colored copy paper, flushable wipes, food coloring, pasta, magic eraser
- * Khan (Ibrahim) Family—Paper towels, baby wipes, glue sticks
- * Loo Family—Puff balls, glue sticks
- * McColgan Family—Pom poms, glue sticks, Lysol wipes, pony beads
- * Muskaan Family—Glue sticks, Lysol wipes, colored printer paper
- * Vincente Family—Lysol wipes, baby wipes
- * Wolfe Family—Flushable wipes, Kleenex



Say Cheese...

Picture Day!

Monday, October 1st

Note: *there will be class for all students this day.*

Lifetouch will take our pictures this year and ALL orders will be placed online. Details to follow once received. Look for a flier will go home in family envelope which gives you an opportunity to choose your background! Please follow all instructions.



Parent's Night

Our Parents' Nights will be held on
Wednesday, October 10th
from 6:00—6:45 pm

This event is for current students and parents only

The children eagerly look forward to this opportunity to showcase their classroom to their parents. We hope to see you all there as this is a proud evening for your child!



September Fun!



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