

**Upstairs Class:** Everyone is happily involved in their work, both self-directed and teacher-group directed. We have all the kindergarteners reading & spelling aloud and working on decimal math material. The 4-year-olds are spelling phonetic words with moveable alphabet, doing continent puzzle maps by themselves and engaged in sensorial early math lessons. The class loves our botany and zoology materials. The 3-year-olds are busy as can be doing their "work" in sensorial and practice life exercises.

We welcome Shivani Nair and Ryan Xiau to our class and school. And we are excited That Henry Lang has moved up from Ms. Caroline's class.

## T. Toddler Class:

We are going back the basics in the classroom: walking feet, clean up after yourself, using gentle hands, only food goes in our mouths, and no screaming in the classroom. Please reinforce these rules at home. Consistency and routine are crucial, so we appreciate you working at home.



### April Birthdays!

- Jack M. 4/18
- Etta M. 4/20
- Evan H. 4/20
- Avery E. 4/22
- Kiser H. 4/22
- Alex A. 4/29

T-shirt orders are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Outside Class:

Please check and refill your child's bag with appropriate weather clothing. We also ask for a spare pair of shoes to be included.

Please have your child at school no later than 8:30 am on a regular basis as that is our class start time.

We ask to NOT let your child bring toys to class and have them eat breakfast at home.

The Outside Class has an Amazon Wishlist for anyone that would like to look at it.

## Toddler Class:

Welcome to Spring! Your toddlers are learning so much right now. We talk about the weather, days of the week, account 1-10 in both English and Spanish. In group time we focus on simple sign language and reinforce classroom rules: walking feet, teeth are for eating, mouths are for talking only, one toy at a time and putting away when done. Continuing at home is very important.

## News

Nancy, Caroline, and Mary attended the American Montessori Society's annual teacher convention in Denver, CO during Spring Break. Besides attending 3 days of wonderful teacher workshops, they were privileged to hear motivational talks by Rick Steves, Anna Smith, and Dale Dougherty. There were 3,537 teachers and trainers from 28 countries and 275 presenters. They brought back lots of new ideas and beautiful new lessons for the children in each class.