

CHILDREN'S HOUSE CHATTER

September 14th, 2018

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SCHOOL PICTURES Individual student pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 27th, starting promptly at 9:00am. Please have your child at school no later than 8:45am.

CHMS PTO DUES Are due, \$35.00 per family.

CHMS IS A NO CELL PHONE ZONE, PLEASE NO CELL PHONES IN THE DROP OFF AREA

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UPSTAIRS CLASS

Welcome to an exciting new year!

"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed." "Help me to do it myself."

-Maria Montessori

The upstairs class is settling in to a good working time in the mornings. We sing, play rhythm and do movement to music before going in to the classroom and doing lessons. We break for snack after two hours and then go outside to play. We work inside if there is inclement weather. Lots of new friendships are blooming with new and returning children. Please join us on Facebook for pictures, info, and updates about our class. "Upstairs Class, The Children's House Montessori P.T.O."

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OUTSIDE CLASS

The children do lots of running outside – please have your child wear tennis shoes or shoes with closed toes. heels. Thank you. We have been working a lot on Grace & Courtesy – sitting at group time, control of body movement in the classroom and appropriate manners. The children have been working with lessons appropriate to their abilities and concentration levels. We are still in the "normalization" period of a Montessori classroom. Please make sure your child has one or two sets of spare clothing, to be kept at school, in a **CLOTH, DRAWSTRING BAG – no bulky back-packs please**. Also, please be sure all your child's items at school are labeled with his or her name.

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TODDLER CLASS

The new school year has started and with the new year we have welcomed some new friends to our class. We are currently learning about shapes, objects, numbers, colors, and all types of animals and the sounds they make. Also, we have started learning a little bit of Spanish words like "Hola" and "Adios". We have converted to storage bins for spare clothes instead of asking you to bring bags to leave at school so just make sure your child has a couple air of spare clothes at school labeled with their name on them. If you missed a snack day or need a calendar you can always just bring a snack in on the days we have left open on the calendar. We have also implemented a no shoe policy in our classroom to keep our carpet clean. We do have little ones and some that crawl and this will help to keep down the spread of germs. If we have sent home a diaper slip to you, or if your child has come home in a spare diaper, please make sure that you bring in a pack of diapers for them.

Most importantly: please check your child's folder at least once a week for there may be important papers in there that you will need

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TRANSITIONAL TODDLER CLASS

This week we are working on learning the classroom rules:

- Walking feet
- Inside voices
- Not throwing toys, books, lessons
- Cleaning up after ourselves

Please go over these guidelines and apply some of them at home, this will positively reinforce what we are working on in school. Your child can help throw away trash, pick up toys and books etc. wipe the table with a wet rag. Children at this stage can also start learning to put on socks and shoes.