

# Children's House Chatter

August 17 - 21, 2020

## Upstairs Class:

Thank you, parents and guardians, for helping us have a wonderful summer and for being meticulous to help us stick to health protocols to keep our students and staff healthy and COVID free! Please check the Upstairs Class Facebook page for new pictures. Be sure to pick up all of your child(ren)'s belongings by next Thursday including cups, bags, clothes, shoes, etc.

## Junior Class:

As summer ends, we have been spending lots of time with new and old friends. We have done a few art projects like painting tree cookies and tons of engineering with Legos! We are still enjoying weekly swimming in Mrs. Nancy's pool. Parents, please keep making sure your child is sent with a water bottle every day. Also, keep an eye out for things being sent home throughout the week, as this is the last week for most of our students. We have had a wonderful summer, even amidst the HOT sun, and wish our students a safe and fun school year!

## Transitional Toddler Class:

We would like to welcome Leona to our class. The children were helpful and welcoming. We have had a wonderful summer with your kiddos and cannot wait for the new school year to start. A few reminders: please take sheets and blankets home every Friday and return on Monday, make sure your child has plenty of extra clothes if they are potty trained, bring a make-up snack if you forget on your day, and please add me as a friend on Facebook if you would like to join our class page.

Reminder we are closed Friday, August 28 for staff workday.

## Infant Class:

There have been so many changes in the growth of the children, from crawling, pulling up, to walking without help. We are working on gross motor skills, like hand to mouth when eating food, crawling, strengthening the legs by standing for short periods for the ones who are not quite walking, as well as walking. Since most infants are eating solids now, we will begin practicing drinking out of cups – kindly send a sippy cup for your child. We encourage you to practice these skills at home too. Please bring a pair of shoes for your child to have at school. They do not have to wear them but should have a pair available as needed. If you received supply slips, bring in those supplies ASAP. Class starts at 8:30 and late arrivals disrupt class time so please prioritize arriving at school on time. Also, if your child has a bad cough, congestion and is cranky consider keeping them at home so they do not spread anything to the other children.



## Quote of the Week

"Dr. Montessori's first school, Casa dei Bambini, was opened in a low income neighborhood in Rome, and as the method has spread to every continent excluding Antarctica, it has continued to be employed as a means through which to advance diversity between different types of learners, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds."

History of Montessori Education and the Movement

## School-Wide News...

- **Help Us Teach Healthy Habits at Home & at School:**
  - **Please encourage your child(ren) to Wash their Hands:**
    - Every time they use the bathroom
    - Every time they eat
    - Every time they put their fingers in their mouth or nose
- **IMPORTANT DATES:**
  - **Monday, Aug 24<sup>th</sup>** - Elementary Dual Enrollment Students 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School
  - **Thursday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>** – Last Day of Summer School REMEMBER: Pick Up ALL your students' belongings this day!
  - **Friday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>** - Staff Workday; School Closed – No Child Care
  - **Monday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup>** – 1st Day of School Year 2020-2021 (all non-dual enrollment students)
  - **Monday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>** – Labor Day Holiday; School Closed – No Child Care