

Children's House Chatter

August 2022



Junior Class: Our class studied the three branches of Government in preparation for our field trip to the Arkansas State Capital. Our students are learning the Preamble to the United States Constitution. We have studied math and counting coins. The Junior class recently made tie-dye t-shirts, socks, and friendship bracelets. We love taking nature walks and exploring Crystal Mountain. We also enjoy swimming at Ms. Nancy's pool on hot summer days. We will have our end of the summer celebration on August 12th at Burger King. Please remember to send your student with a water bottle daily. This has been an amazing summer; we appreciate the support from our parents. Thank you!

Upstairs Class: We have really enjoyed outside summer activities. Tending the garden is more fun when we see the vegetables and eat them! Interestingly, no one has asked for a tablet or iPad all summer as hands-on is so more fun and regular classroom activities are still preferred. Map-making, reading, number work, science and nature lessons are happening every day. Many intricate designs & "buildings" have been made using classroom materials. We especially enjoy gem-matching and shell matching and all practical life activities and experiments. We have a highly proficient rhythm band also. **A fond goodbye to those we are leaving us this year! Please keep in touch!**

Outside Class: In the outside class we are working on a lot of Grace and Courtesy (walking feet, inside voice, helping hands, looking eyes, kind words). Children have been helping move tables and chairs when it is time for group and rearrange classroom when it is time for lunch. They all enjoy it and always ask if we need more help. Every day we have art where they get to draw their own picture, color, and cut it out. We also have fun learning numbers and phonetic sounds. They have been enjoying water play and sunbathing. During outside play time they love pretending to cook and making cakes. Our summer has been the best yet.

Transitional Toddler Class: We would like to welcome Penny to our class. She is moving up from Ms. Mary's toddler classroom. A couple of reminders: please bring sheets, blankets, and swim stuff every Monday. We need plastic bags, wipes, and diaper cream. The children love water play day and we enjoy watching them have fun and are having a happy summer!

Toddler Class: Our class welcomes Selah and Conner as the newest members of our group! Selah moved up from the Infant class and Conner and his two older siblings are new to our school. The children love puzzles, books, music, dance parties, and climbing on their large foam gym blocks. They enjoy water play on these hot summer days and are having a great summer.

Infant Class: We welcome Benny, Clementine, and Aiden to our class and are happy to have them join us. The little ones are growing so much and learning new things. They are currently working to master sitting up unassisted, crawling, trying to pull up, and practicing reaching for objects. The older ones are currently working on pulling up, standing unassisted, and walking. They love stacking lessons, reading books, and looking at flash cards of animals, colors, or objects. If your child is eating solids, please send in a sippy cup for them to practice drinking. The older children need shoes for school with sturdy, hard soles for walking. Please make sure your child has enough spare clothes for school and promptly restock items when a supply slip request is sent home. The children have enjoyed their summer and are constantly growing and reaching new goals and milestones every day. 😊

Quote of the Month

"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 Helpful Tips & Dates to Remember...

- Our Kindergarten class is almost full so, please let us know if you are considering keeping your 5-year-old with us for the upcoming school year.
- We still have spots available in our Elementary Class (1st-5th). Please tell your friends!
- **IMPORTANT DATES:**
 - **Monday, Aug 15th** – 2022-2023 School Fees Payments Due
 - **Wednesday, Aug 31st** – **Last Day of Summer School** REMEMBER: Pick Up ALL your students' belongings this day!
 - **Thursday, Sep 1st** – Staff Meeting and Workday; **School Closed – No Child Care**
 - **Friday, Sept 2 & Monday, Sept 5** – Labor Day Weekend - **School Closed – No Child Care**
 - **Tuesday, Sept 6** - **1st Day of School Year 2022-2023**