

Children's House Chatter

October 2022



Upstairs Class: We have settled in to good working days. Our little ones are constantly surprising us with how much they have learned from the older children! We work on manners, listening skills – lots of music and rhythm and practical life and early sensorial material. The kindergarten age children are learning more advanced math by decimal golden beads, story writing, and leaf shapes, making geography booklets, and continent maps. A favorite lesson is matching shells and gemstones and learning their names. Also, as the weather cools, be sure to send weather appropriate spare clothes for your child.

Outside Class: We are a month into the school year and children have been enjoying small group lessons. We keep practicing walking feet and soft voices in the classroom. True stories are our favorite was to start our days – the children love to share their stories! Outside play has been wonderful and some of the class love kicking the ball around. Our little kids love water lessons, puzzles, matching cards, and reading books. Please make sure your child leaves his/her stuffed animal in the car before coming in the classroom as they too distracting during lesson time. We have toys that they enjoy playing with in the afternoon. Please review your welcome letter for their daily routine. Happy birthday to Mary-Eva and Alejandro as we celebrated their journey around the sun last Friday. They enjoyed baking their own cake and sharing it with their classmates. Their favorite thing was sharing what they loved doing when they were little. We cannot wait to celebrate more birthdays.

Toddler Class: The children are still adjusting to our classroom routine and rules. Please reinforce the classroom rules at home. We have a very busy month! Harvest Fest is Saturday, Oct 22 and we will have a booth set up. The Halloween Carnival is Saturday, Oct 29. We will need volunteers to run the booths at the carnival. Please let me know if you can work a 30 min shift. I will be making signup sheets this week. The children can wear their Halloween costumes to the carnival, play games, eat lunch, win prizes, and we will have a bake sale. Please let me know if you can bake something for our bake sale. Children's wristbands will be \$5. You can pay by cash, check, or Venmo. This will allow your child to play as many games as they want. You will also be able to buy food and drinks and don't forget our bake sale! This event is open to friends and family. Your child doesn't have to attend CHMS to come to our carnival.

Infant Class: We welcome Daniel, Hazel, and Aspyr to our class, and we are very happy to have them. Our little ones have been working on hand eye coordination by practicing reaching for items in front of them as well as rolling over. Our older ones are working and mastering crawling, sitting up, pulling up, standing, and eye-hand-mouth coordination by practicing with their solid foods. They love books, music, and bubbles. If you have received supply slips, please send in the needed supplies as soon as possible. Some of the older kids have been enjoying outside time so make sure they are dressed in weather appropriate clothes and shoes.

Quote of the Month

"If we really want children to grow into independent and resourceful adults, we should stop pouring their milk as soon as they have learned to pour it themselves and stop fastening their buttons as soon as they can fasten them without help."
- Maria Montessori

School-Wide Helpful Tips & Dates to Remember...

REMINDER: Please have your child to school on time. **We begin at 8:30AM** and answering the door after 8:30 takes a teacher away from lessons with the children. If you bring breakfast, be there by 8:00 AM as this also requires an adult to be out of the classroom.

• **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **Monday, Oct 10th** – CLOSED for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Sign Up for a conference as soon as possible. Sign Up sheets will be posted on each classroom door.
- **Thursday, Oct 20th** – 1st 2022-2023 PTO Meeting @ 6PM. Free Pizza! Free Child Care!
- **Saturday, Oct 22nd** – Harvest Fest. Stop by our booth for an activity for your child
- **Saturday, Oct 29th** – Our very own Halloween Carnival is back on the schedule (after not having one for the past 2 years during the COVID Pandemic!) Bring the whole family for games and food. We need Volunteers to run booths for 30 min. slots. Contact Mrs. Caroline!
- **Tuesday, Nov 1st** – All Shirt Orders and Payments are Due
- **November** – We will have our annual canned food drive beginning of November, Dates TBA