

Children's House Chatter

MARCH/APRIL 2025



A Note from our Head of School

As most of you know, during the period of the absorbent mind, 0-6 yrs, the child should be allowed to work, explore, and play at his own pace and not be forced in any way to read or memorize before he is ready to do so. While many of our children are writing, reading phonetically, and working with amazing math, geography, and science materials, it should be fun and relaxing, always. Our kindergarten and elementary students have a record of "thinking outside the box" and are often more successful at academics than those at traditional schools. We ask that you read out loud to them every day, even when they can read to themselves and please, limit screen time! Also for confidence building and self esteem, it is so important for them to learn from you by helping you do things rather than for you to "play with them on their level." Every child wants to be an important, contributing part of his or her family at home, just as they are at school.

- Mrs. Nancy

JUNIOR CLASS

The junior's have been loving exploring the biomes. They have been learning about the rainforest, wetlands, desert, tundra, and marine biomes. We've also just begun getting into the different land and water forms. Most of the juniors have been working on maps and spelling as well. In other news, we now have a class pet! He is a snail named Gary, the children were very excited to meet him coming back from spring break.

UPSTAIRS CLASS

We are enjoying getting to know new friends and learning many new lessons as everyone has settled this term. Tiny children as well as our "old pros" are having fun planting vegetables and flowers in our various gardens and doing new lessons about plants and nature.

OUTSIDE CLASS

This month the children had a Saint Patrick's day party in which everybody dressed in green outfits and they had cookies and fruits among other treats to celebrate the event. For normal daily activities we have really focused on math, culture, language, and practical life. Currently we are planning to do some life cycle experiments later this month, with beans and some other plants so that the children can see them grow from a seed to maturity. All the children are excited about the spring break holiday as well. Just a reminder as the temperature will continue to get hotter, please pay attention to what your children are wearing and please give them in class shoes to wear.

TODDLER CLASS

We are working on Grace and Courtesy- saying yes please, no thank you, more please, help please, etc. Please have your children practice the following during spring break: taking shoes off and on, toilet training, using utensils and open cups, putting toys away when they are done, not throwing things inside, and using work mats for their toys. The children are counting to 10 in English, French, and Spanish. We are also talking about the weather each day, colors, shapes, and sign language.

We will send all bags home on Friday, so you can change out clothes. There is a list of snack ideas pinned to the featured tab on our classroom FB page.

INFANT CLASS

The infant class welcome Ludo, Robert, and Rumi into our class. We are happy to have them join us. The little ones have been working hard on learning how to sit up, scoot/crawl, pull up and how to transition themselves from the crawling position into the sitting position. They are also working on eye, hand, mouth coordination with eating solid foods as well as practicing reaching out and grabbing different objects around them. The older ones are currently working on mastering standing, learning how to walk as well as how to drink out of an open cup to prepare them for the toddler class. Please make sure to bring in any supplies you may have been asked to bring in for your child as well as make sure to label any spare clothing you bring to school. If your child has started solids and you haven't brought them in a cup for them to practice drinking from it, please bring one in, labeled with their name on it. I did a little spring cleaning and have started sending home some of their fall spare clothing so please send in some lighter spring spare clothing for them to have in their box.

SCHOOL WIDE IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

Monday-Friday, March 24-28 - Spring Break. **No School. No Child Care.**

Monday, March 31 - Last Day to Donate to THE VAN. See Mrs. Hayley, Toddler Class, for more details.

Tuesday, April 1 - Monthly Tuition and Fee Payments Due

Monday-Friday, April 7th-11th - Scholastic Book Fair, in the Library 2:30-5:30pm.
Volunteers Needed

Wednesday, April 9th - Spring Class Photos, Individual Photos optional. (Make Up Photos- April 17th)

Friday, April 18th - Closed in observance of Good Friday. **No School. No Child Care.**

Saturday, April 26th - PTO CHMS Campus Clean Up Day. Volunteers Needed!
(Tentative Date)

Summer Registration Forms and 2025-2026 Re-enrollment Forms will go home this month. Be on the look out for those to return as soon as possible and secure your child's spot.