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The Monarch Montessori School

Classroom News September 25, 2020

We will be OPEN on Monday, September 28, 2020!

Ms. Mary Ellen's Classroom

We are explorers! We have been learning about the sound of letter /Aa/ and we have been exploring apples! We tasted red, yellow and green apples and most children preferred the RED apples. Another day we tasted apple butter, which most children thought was awesome! We have been tearing paper and snipping paper- both great small motor tasks for developing coordination and strength. We made paper plate apples! We watched a two minute video clip of an alpaca - so so cute and glued the softest yarn on one we made! Today we completed a "color the alpaca" sheet to see who was able to understand how to match colors to the paper code.

The children LOVE being a helper at school! We take turns doing jobs at school to help our class. We have been demonstrating work and giving lots of individual lessons in Sensorial, Practical Life and Geometry. We are helping the children develop a 'sense of order' in our classroom and love seeing all the friendships developing!

HAPPY FALL!

Ms. Julia's Classroom

The kindergarten friends have really settled into their work. This week we talked about fall and the changes we are observing. We made a list and are adding to it as we notice more changes. We are using all of our senses to experience fall.

We started our dictionaries this week. We will use these when we are writing stories. You may have seen some writing come home this week. We made a list of some fall words they might want to write about and they copied these into their dictionaries and then illustrated each word.

We looked at examples of mosaics and talked about this art form. The friends used the botany cabinet to trace leaves for their own mosaics and then they cut paper shapes and glued them around the leaves to create beautiful designs. They liked the botany cabinet so much, they asked if they could make books about the leaf shapes! Maybe they can use their books to find the different leaf shapes when they are outside exploring this weekend!

The bead cabinet remains a popular choice as friends are working through the short and long chains. These take up a lot of space on the floor and we have to be careful to step around the long rugs. It is so exciting when a friend finishes a chain. The teachers love watching the children celebrate one another's successes!

Reminders & Updates

The work in a Montessori classroom is designed to be beautiful and enticing. Shiny marbles, sparkly clips, glittery beads, brightly colored wooden shapes, and miniature objects are all meant to call to the children. Sometimes the children love the work so much, they want to take pieces of it home with them. Unfortunately, when a piece goes missing, we have to take the work off the shelf. Sometimes it is difficult or impossible to replace the missing pieces.

If you find unrecognized objects in your child's bag or around your home, it might belong to a work at school. Please help us keep our works complete by returning the mysterious pieces to school. Thank you for your cooperation!

COVID -19 UPDATES

We have successfully completed 3 weeks of school and we are comfortable with the new

procedures. We are still limited to 15 people per classroom - 2 teachers and 13 children. At this time we have a few spaces available in both classrooms. We plan to fill those spots quickly as we resume interviews in October. We will be contacting the people currently on our waiting list. We will also reach out to the families who chose not to return this fall.

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Recipes to Make at Home

Play Dough Recipe

1 c. flour, 1/2 c. salt, 1 tbsp. cooking oil,
1 tbsp. alum, 1 c. water and food coloring

Mix together in a sauce pan. Heat and stir until ball forms. Knead. Seal in container.

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