

In the classroom we quickly moved right into normalization of the environment, we watched new and old friendships flourish. The new children explore and observe as they are learning to respect their environment and choose work that stimulates them. The returning children are creating new academic avenues as well as providing guidance to fellow classmates. Our lessons target care of self, others and the environment specifically; greeting words “hello, my name is”, putting work away, tucking in a chair and rolling a rug. We are in year 1 of our 3-year rotating curriculum; our next studies will focus on our 5 senses. We plan to introduce these through song, books, experiments and an art project. Each day your child is in class they are encouraged in our Montessori prepared environment through Practical life; the skills of daily living, Sensorial; exploring the world, Math; concrete to abstract, Language; spoken to written. Cultural subjects, art, music, and multicultural activities continue as we build our social awareness in and outside the class.

Japanese is provided as a foreign language; class is directed by Michie Onoyama on Wednesdays for one half hour session during regular class time. Additional information is available on our website as well as a monthly newsletter from Michie.

Who is “Monte”? Montessori Moose is a stuffed friend from our classrooms; through the school year our students share in the adventures of Monte. On Wednesday of each week at circle the child who had Monte will “draw” the name of the next child. During your week, please have Monte do something with your family. You can help your child write a story or a few sentences about Monte’s adventure with your family that we will share. Monte will come home in a tote bag and with a journal.

Open House; Thursday October 15th. This is an excellent opportunity to have your child show you around their classroom and gain understanding of our school environment. As well as meet classmates, socialize with other parents and chat with the teachers! Conferences are coming so please save specific questions about your child for then but do not hesitate to ask how the environment allows for such wonderful self discipline! Siblings are welcome however we need you to keep in mind our environment is prepared for children 3-6 years old. Younger children will need to be supervised carefully, we have small parts that can be easily lost, or are unsafe for babies and toddlers. During class the children have been introduced how to care for their environment and we need your help to carry this same respect during open house. As the children use the materials we ask they use them properly on a rug on the floor or at a table, and putting away your work after you are finished is part of our work cycle. If your child says he/she has not had a lesson on a specific material feel free to ask a teacher as we may be waiting for the child to become age or developmentally appropriate for the materials.

Conference schedule sign up sheets will be available at open house and posted on each class bulletin board outside your child’s classroom next week. You will also receive a pre conference questionnaire, we ask you return it to us before your scheduled conference time.

We have designated Tuesday November 10th (4pm-6pm) for Afternoon conferences and **NO CLASSES** on Thursday, November 12th with conferences 8am-6pm

Halloween; The children may wear their costumes (without weapons) to school Thursday, October 29th. If your child does not normally come that day please feel free to bring them to join the activities. We plan to “parade” inside, through the building to the main desk, the beach rangers office as well as do the monster mash, play musical chairs and enjoy the day!



Gavin; nature through a magnifying glass

Rafe; artist at the easel

John; matching sounds with letters