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## MARVELOUS MARCH

We just passed 100 days of school, and we are ready for more! As we get past the rainy days, we are taking advantage of this weather for planting seeds. The children started to make their own paper pots to grow their seeds in, and when spring comes seedlings will be ready to plant in our garden beds.

March is filled with many events and activities, so keep an eye out for all the fun things in March!

## 2018-2019 REGISTRATION

Priority registration for the 2018-2019 school year starts on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Forms will be sent out and posted on our website. Current students and siblings are given priority for classroom placement. Be sure to turn in your forms by Friday, March 30th to guarantee your child's space in September.

### DR. SEUSS DAY & READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Here at MCDC, we love books! We read books to learn, to discover, to explore, and for fun. On Friday, March 2, MCDC will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and join the millions of children across the US for Read Across America celebration. If you have a great book to share in class or your favorite Dr. Seuss book, please bring it to school!

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 16. We have a sign-up for an Irish-themed snack for each class. If you would like to share to the class about the Irish culture, art, music, dance, etc., please let your child's teacher know. Please make sure to have your child wear green that day!

### ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR

Everyone is invited to the Elementary Science Fair on Friday, March 23. It will be from 4-6 pm. The elementary students have been busy testing, gathering data, and forming a conclusion to their science projects. Join us for an amazing afternoon with our junior scientists.

## SUMMER PROGRAM

Join us this July and August for an amazing summer of fun. Registration starts on March 26<sup>th</sup>, and forms are due at the end of April. Spaces are limited.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, March 2 – Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- Friday, March 16 – St. Patrick's Day Celebration

- Friday, March 23 – Elementary Science Fair
- Friday, March 30 – Egg Hunt
- Friday, March 30 – 2018-2019 Priority Registration forms due

### SPRING BREAK

THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 2 TO APRIL 6 FOR SPRING BREAK. DAYCARE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL.

# EGG HUNT

Our annual egg hunt will be on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 10:30 am. A sign-up for a lunch potluck is in each class. Please bring 6 - 8 pre-filled eggs before the event. Please do not stuff eggs with chokeable items or candy. Little notes, stickers, coloring pages are great ideas.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 Years Old  
LAITH 3/28

3 Years Old  
ANNA 3/5

4 Years Old  
CECILY 3/5

5 Years Old  
KATELYN 3/10  
ELIA 3/25

6 Years Old  
MATTHEW 6/24

8 Years Old  
KANA 3/3



9 Years Old  
FIONA 3/20  
NHATHY 3/27

10 Years Old  
MADLINE 3/9

11 Years Old  
ELLA 3/13

STAFF  
MS. GABBY 3/15  
MS. HAIDEE 3/17  
MS. ANNA 3/19

# THANK YOU

Thank you to all the families who brought food and made our Valentine's Day and Lunar New Year so wonderful! Our students enjoyed the parade, stories, games, and food. We are grateful to all our parent volunteers who made the events fun!

# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE KINDERGARTEN YEAR IN MONTESSORI

There is a great deal of learning that normally occurs during this crucial year. The kindergarten year is a critical component of the three-year Early Childhood Montessori program. This is the year when children's earlier experiences are internalized and reinforced. When they leave Montessori before Kindergarten, many of their earlier learning may be lost because they are not reinforced or commonly understood.

Five-year olds are normally the leaders and role models in the Primary Montessori classroom. They help to set the tone and serve as an example of appropriate behavior for the younger children. They often help the younger children with their work by teaching lessons or correcting errors. Most five-year olds have been waiting for the longest time to be the "big kids." The experience of playing the leadership roles does wonders to reinforce the five-year olds' sense of autonomy and self-confidence.

This is an important time when the young child learns how to learn. Montessori is focused on teaching for understanding. Children three and four-year olds work with the concrete Montessori materials, gradually forming a mental picture of concepts. The Montessori materials give children a concrete sensorial impression of an abstract concept, such as long division, that is the potential foundation of a lifetime of understanding. This process of abstract understanding begins during the Kindergarten year. The Kindergarteners begin to pay closer attention, notice more details, ask more questions, and begin to explain the world in their own terms. They begin to integrate everything they learned in the first few years. When children do not have the opportunity to complete their Kindergarten year in Montessori, they miss out on experiences that are rarely duplicated in other types of schools.

"UNLESS SOMEONE LIKE YOU  
CARES A WHOLE AWFUL LOT,  
NOTHING IS GOING TO GET BETTER.  
IT'S NOT."

DR. SEUSS

"THE EDUCATION OF EVEN  
A SMALL CHILD,  
THEREFORE, DOES NOT  
PREPARE HIM FOR SCHOOL,  
BUT FOR LIFE."  
DR. MARIA MONTESSORI

"WHY FIT IN WHEN YOU  
WERE BORN TO STAND  
OUT?"

DR. SEUSS