



MONTESSORI

Child Development Center



HAPPY OCTOBER

Welcome Fall! October brings us lots of fun events and festivities: Picture Day, PT Conference, Pumpkin Patch, Pumpkin Show and Tell, Parent Education Day, and Halloween parade.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Thursday, October 5
Picture Day - Primary and Elementary

Friday, October 6 -
Picture Day Toddler and Make Up

Monday, October 9 -
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE
(School Closed. Daycare available during conference time only)

Friday, October 20
PUMPKIN PATCH

Thursday, October 26
DECORATED PUMPKINS DUE

Friday, October 27
**Parent Education -
Montessori Language Program**
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31 -
HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION



NOVEMBER

Friday, November 10 -
VETERAN'S DAY (School Closed)

Wednesday, November 22
THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
(Minimum Day/School closes at 12:30 p.m.)

Thursday-Friday, November 23-24 -
THANKSGIVING (SCHOOL CLOSED)

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PICTURE DAY

Picture day is on Thursday, October 5 and Friday, October 6. Primary and Elementary Students are scheduled for Thursday, October 5. Toddlers and Make Up Day are Friday, October 6. Pictures are available to purchase at pick-up time.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Our first semester PT Conference is on Monday, October 9. If you haven't signed up yet, sign-up sheets are located on the sign in and out clipboards. Daycare is available during your conference time only. This is a great way to learn about your child's progress and goals for the year.



PUMPKIN PATCH



Our annual Pumpkin Patch is on Friday, October 20th. Each student gets to pick a pumpkin of their choice, take it home, and decorate it using recycled or reused items around the house. Please do not carve or make holes in your pumpkin or it is going to get **HAIRY AND SCARY**. Bring your decorated pumpkins back to school on Thursday, October 26 for "show and tell". We are going to use these pumpkins to decorate our Batwalk on Halloween. Our 2023 pumpkin theme is: favorite children's book character. Have fun and be creative!

PARADE OF COSTUMES



Our Parade of Costumes is on Tuesday, October 31st from 10:00 -10:30 a.m. Children and parents can dress in their favorite costume. PLEASE NO MASKS, SWORDS, WEAPONS, COSTUME ACCESSORIES, COSTUME SHOES, SCARY OR OFFENSIVE COSTUMES. This is a family friendly event with very young children. Children should be able to easily remove their costumes for bathroom time and should be able to walk the parade without tripping.

After the parade, students return to their class and continue with classroom festivities. This is a class session only. Parents may bring treats to share. PLEASE NO CANDY, NO TREATS CONTAINING NUTS AND PEANUTS. AND NO TREATS THAT ARE CHOKEABLE OR HAVE SMALL PARTS.

BIRTHDAY CIRCLE



Children love the Montessori birthday circle. It is the highlight of every birthday. They get to share pictures of when they were born and each year of their life. They talk about memorable moments and milestones. Each month we send a celebration template form for birthday celebrants. We use this for our Montessori birthday walk around the sun. Children look forward to this part more than treats and goodies.

OPTIONAL SNACK TREATS

As an option and in lieu of sugary treats, you can bring a snack treats for your child's birthday. Snack treats should include 2 food groups - fruit and carb or veggie and carb. Example- goldfish and Cuties (tangerines). No candies or juice. Your child can help plan which food items to bring.

Snacks should be **store-bought**, **peanut-free**, and **nut-free**.

If you are bringing birthday cupcakes or cookies, please choose **mini size**. Please no uncooked egg (meringue) icing.

Provide the school with the product ingredients.

Best allergy friendly treats to get are ABE's School Friendly baked goods.

PEP RALLY

Peep Rally days are first Friday of the month. Wear your MCDJ shirt on Fridays!



October BIRTHDAYS

2

Emberleigh
10/27

3

Jude 10/3
Noah 10/20

4

Sara 10/6
Zaina 10/17

5

Leila 10/4
Jack 10/11
Kadon 10/28

6

Savannah
10/21

8

Ike 10/26

STAFF

Coach Shannon 10/3
Ms. Monique 10/24

THE THREE PERIOD NAME LESSON

by Jane M. Jacobs, M.A.

As a parent interested in the Montessori method, you may have heard about the three-period lesson, a hallmark of Montessori education that helps young children learn vocabulary and concepts.

In simple terms, the three steps, or periods, are:

- 1. Naming (Introduction) "This is a dog."
- 2. Recognizing (Identification) "Show me the dog."
- 3. Remembering (Cognition) "What is this?"

Your role as your child's first teacher is not the same as a trained educator. Quite naturally, you have been using the three-period lesson as you communicate with your baby and toddler. Your use of this "lesson" is much more informal than in a classroom setting. It is a tool to allow you to see your child's knowledge of a particular concept, and a technique to keep in mind throughout his childhood.

The First Period: "This is _____."

You have been naming people, places, and things for your baby from the very beginning. These names are used over and over, clearly isolating and identifying objects with one-word descriptions.

The Second Period: "Show me _____."

This stage of learning is the longest, and your child needs to have many, many experiences hearing the names of things.

You may have noticed that your child looks in the direction of an object you name. She is indeed connecting the word with the object. Later, your little one understands simple instructions. Montessori identified how important movement is for learning, so play games that incorporate movement. For example, ask your child to find the ball and bring it to you. Peek-a-Boo games help children learn during the second period. "Where is Teddy? There he is!" Naming games are fun for children whether reading together, riding in the car, or playing "I Spy" at home. "Where's the horse?" "Find the red balloon." "Where is your excavator?"

The Third Period: "What is this?"

Although some call the third period "the test," don't ask your child a vocabulary question until you know he will be successful. Recall how delighted you were when your child first said "Mama" or "doggie." When the child can name something, it signals cognition, the third step of learning. If you ask, "What is this?" your child might not know. This tells you that more repetition and experience is needed. Never indicate that your child has failed. Just go back to the second period. Play more naming games, reintroduce vocabulary while you talk about what you see, and then enjoy your child's amazing "absorbent mind".

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club Catalogs are sent home each month. Deadline to order is every 20th of each month. Our class code is **HR7ZJ**.



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After-School ACTIVITIES

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WEBBY DANCE - MONDAYS AT 2:30-3:00

LITTLE STAR SPORTS- WEDNESDAYS

SOCCER SHOTS - THURSDAYS