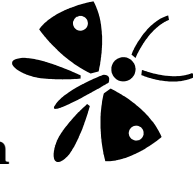


Montessori Children's Garden

September 2008



Welcome to all new and returning families! We currently have 68 students enrolled, the most we've ever had since opening four years ago. We have plans this year for building more cubbies, a new sandbox, a new climbing structure, and more flowers around the outside of the school.

Check Your Files Daily!

For those of you who are new to the school, there is a file box outside of each classroom with your child's name that will hold newsletters, receipts, and general information.

Tomorrow's Child Magazine

We hope you enjoyed the magazine *Tomorrow's Child*. You will receive four issues total throughout the year.

School Directory

We hope to finalize the school directory by the end of September and distribute them at that time. We will be asking you to check your information for accuracy.

Spanish and Music Lessons

We are very happy to announce that we will be offering Spanish lessons each week to all the children. Blair Frantz, a graduate of Cornell College, will be teaching the classes. We will also continue to have music classes with Angela Frantz.

Five year-old time

Laura Achey, a graduate of the education program at Cornell College, will be teaching the Five year-old enrichment program, with Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Honey alternating days. We will continue the activities from the morning class, as well as incorporating group lessons in writing, math, Spanish, science, and cooking.

Montessori workshop

Miss Blair, Miss Laura, and Miss Cathy will all be attending a workshop in Moline in the next few months for Montessori assistants. Any parent interested in attending can ask in the office for information.

Announcements

Nap Blankets Need Washed Weekly!

A note to our new parents — and a reminder to returning parents: **per state law, the nap and rest-time blankets need to be taken home each Friday to be laundered, and returned each Monday for your child to use!** Also: make sure your child has both a cot sheet and a blanket (or a Rollee-Pollee) to cover themselves, as this is also required by state law.

Picture Day

Get those smiles ready! Halverson Photography will be here November 3rd for picture day!

Rollee-Pollee Order

If anyone else wants to order a Rollee-Pollee blanket for nap/rest-time, we can order them at any time. We placed the first order Tuesday, September 2nd, so we expect them to arrive any day. If you have not paid for them yet, please do so as soon as possible.

We Need Donations

We use greeting cards for sewing cards. If anyone has any that they would like to donate, just tear off the greeting part and we use the front for sewing. Thank you!

Quotable quotes

“I don’t have three hands, right?”

“Did you know My Happy Bridge (Mehaffey Bridge) is flooded?”

One little girl said to her mother when saying good-bye in the morning, “I’ll try to miss you.”

When describing the metamorphosis of the butterfly, the little boy said, “The caterpillar goes through menopause and turns into a butterfly.”

This summer before the ice cream social one child says, “We’re coming to the ice cream social studies. My mom told me.”

“Dragons don’t eat paisleys. They eat paper and leaves.”

Classroom News

All of the classes are doing the basic rules of the Montessori classroom. The children are learning to roll rugs, put their work away, how to ask for things in the classroom, and how to communicate with their friends. These are called Grace and Courtesy Lessons and are the foundation of a “normalized” classroom.

Mrs. Honey is sharing all of her beautiful material on butterflies.

Miss Tina and Mrs. Jones are talking about living and non-living things in their classroom.

All of the classrooms are doing lessons with the elements of the earth/land, air, water, and fire.

