

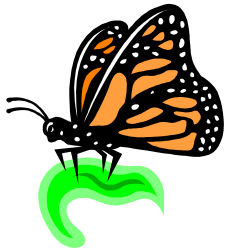
Montessori Children's Garden

September 2007 Newsletter

Classroom updates

All of the classrooms are busy learning or reviewing the basic rules of the Montessori classroom. The children are learning to put their work away, roll up their rugs, how to serve snack, how to ask others to work, and even how to say Stop! when running outside.

All of the classrooms have enjoyed watching the metamorphosis of the butterfly in the classroom.



WELCOME

Special welcome to all new and returning families. We are currently at 61 students with a few openings for the afternoon program so tell your friends and neighbors.



FILES

For those new to the school, there is a file box outside each classroom with your child's name that will hold newsletters, receipts, and snack schedules.

Naptime Blankets

All children who are here in the afternoon need two small blankets for rest time. Please put them in a small bag (labeled with your child's name on it) for storing in the cupboard. Everyone needs to pick up their nap things on Friday to be laundered and returned on Monday.

Reminders!

Please bring cups, napkins, and plates for snack time. Snack should include at least two items from different food groups, as well as a drink. Each classroom has 20 children. If your child is full day, you must provide an afternoon snack as well as a morning snack. Please bring healthy snacks.



Also, please make sure jackets are labeled.

Music Class

Angela Frantz (Amanda's mom) will be teaching music again this year on Friday mornings. She is a Kindermusik trained teacher who incorporates songs and movement into her program.



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Check out our new website. Thank you to Mike Ephraim, Madeline's Dad, for developing a very professional looking website for our school.

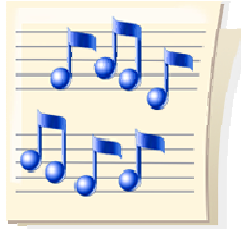


Directory

We will be asking you to check your address, phone numbers, etc. for accuracy so we can print the 2007 School Directory. We will also be asking for e-mail addresses.

Meet Mr. Sultan!

We are pleased to welcome Firas Sultan to our staff. Mr. Sultan just completed his Montessori training in Des Moines and by year's end will be fully certified. Mr. Sultan is uncle to Maryam Abuissa in Mrs. Harrison's class. He obtained his BA in music at the High Institute of Music in Syria and his Master's degree in music at Central Michigan University. Mr. Sultan won a scholarship to study flute performance at the Conservatory of Music in Lyon, France. As a composer, Mr. Sultan has composed many musical works for children's theater. He will be continuing his studies for a master's degree in early childhood. Mr. Sultan and his wife moved to Iowa City from Michigan this past summer. His wife is employed at University Hospital and Clinic as a pharmacist. We are very fortunate to have him here and we look forward to a long working relationship.



Quotable Quotes

A little boy was looking at the twins and remarked, "Everyday when they come they are still twins."

One child says to another, "I'm going to survival school on Sunday."

Child responds, "You mean, bible school?"

Child says, "Oh ya."

A child asks, "Can I have a popsicle stick? Oh, and can you make sure there's a popsicle on the end of it?"

"Hazel sure shreds a lot." (sheds)

"My mother's toes are disgusting." (We are respectfully not listing the child's name.)

"I eat donuts on Fridays like officers do."

After watching the wonderful metamorphosis of the butterfly, one child wanted to know what the mice were going to turn into.

Substitute Teachers

We are always looking for substitute teachers.

Anyone interested, please let us know.

Montessori Fundraiser

Montessori Services is a catalog containing many wonderful toys and materials for home and the classroom. Stephanie Whitehead and Gretchen Terry have generously agreed to organize a fundraiser using the Montessori Services. Look for the catalog in the next few weeks in your child's file and help us earn points for new materials.



Infant/Toddler Openings

Emily Jones has started a Montessori infant/toddler program out of her home here in North Liberty. Just imagine the preschool program only smaller! She has part-time and full-time openings. Please give her a call at 626-

