



MONTESSORI

Child Development Center



MARCH 2023

WELCOME MARCH!

March is National Reading Month! MCDC students love books and enjoy the many ways books bring joy to all of us. We encourage parents and students to read every day! Students are welcome to bring their favorite book for story time.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Wednesday, 3/1- Wacky Wednesday/Dress Up Day
Thursday, 3/2- Famous Person Dress-Up Day & Read Across America
Friday, 3/3 – Field Day and Favorite Team Dress Up

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



Our St. Patrick's Day celebration is on Friday, March 17. You can dress your child in green. We will have some fun class activities planned for the children.

SPRING PICTURE DAY



Spring picture day will be on Monday, March 27 for Elementary and Primary students. Tuesday, March 28 for Toddler class and make-up. Individual and sibling pictures are available. Permission forms will be out soon.

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

In a few weeks, we are installing a new sand, water play area. Thank you again to all your generous donations and support.

ATTENDANCE

Please don't forget to sign-in and out your child daily. If you forget, please email the office.

CALENDAR

MARCH

WED- FRI, March 3/1-3/3
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

FRIDAY, MARCH 17
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

APRIL

MON - FRI, APRIL 10-14
SPRING BREAK (SCHOOL CLOSED)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27
ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR 2-4 P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28
CHILDREN'S NIGHT 3-4 P.M.

SICK POLICY

Please continue to test for COVID when your child has COVID-19 symptoms. Please keep your child home and inform the school if your child is sick. Re-test 1-2 days after negative test and 3-5 days if exposed.



FREE COVID TEST KITS

MCDC partnered with OCDE to provide free at-home test kits for students. Stop by the office for your free COVID-19 kits.

**MCDC IS A
PEANUT-FREE
SCHOOL**

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Treats, cookies, or cupcakes with egg white frosting, nuts, and peanuts, are **NOT allowed** since we have several students with severe allergies.

NO CANDIES. Please provide the school with the product ingredients. Best treats with no egg, dairy, nuts, or peanuts are **ABE's School Friendly baked goods.**

Please be aware of the food allergies in each class.

PEP RALLY DAYS ARE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND WEAR YOUR MCDC SHIRT ON FRIDAYS!



March
BIRTHDAYS

HBD!

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 STAFF

Fiona 3/18	Serena 3/4 Leo 3/26	Skylar 3/27	Rishaan 3/4 Shayli 3/4	Emmy 3/29	Howard 3/9 Laith 3/28	Anna 3/5	Ms. Gabby 3/15 Ms. Haidee 3/17 Ms. Anna 3/19
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Silence Game

The Importance of the Silence Game
Children listen and move ever so quietly.

"One day I had the idea of using silence to test the children's keenness of hearing, so I thought of calling them by name, in a low whisper.... This exercise in patient waiting demanded a patience that I thought impossible."
—Maria Montessori, The Secret of Childhood

To Montessori's surprise, when she experimented with this very first Silence Game, the group of over 40 children waited quietly and patiently to hear their names whispered. After they refused the sweets she thought they might need as a reward, Montessori reflected, "They seemed to say, 'Don't spoil our lovely experience, we are still filled with delight of the spirit, don't distract us.'" Thus the Silence Game came into being.

Playing the Silence Game can give children a sense of joy, achievement, and social spirit as the group works together for a common goal. It also helps children develop a higher level of self-control, which in turn contributes to the normalization of the classroom. In 1930 Montessori wrote that the Silence Game brings "little by little a discipline composed of calmness and inner beatitude." ("The Importance and the Nature of the Silence Game," AMI Communications, 1976)

Today we live in a noisy world, filled with the sounds of the television, electronics, phone conversations, leaf blowers, sirens, and traffic. Many of us rarely have the opportunity to experience silence or to savor the quieter sounds of bees buzzing, wind rustling the leaves, or a fire crackling in the fireplace. The Silence Game can give children a precious gift that could last a lifetime: the ability to cultivate and appreciate silence.

"When the children have become acquainted with silence... (they) go on to perfect themselves; they walk lightly, take care not to knock against the furniture, move their chairs without noise, and place things upon the table with great care.... These children are serving their spirits."
—Maria Montessori, Dr. Montessori's Own Handbook

by Irene Baker, MEd, Montessori Educational Consultant at Montessori Services. To read the full article, [click here](#).

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**.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

We are still taking yearbook orders. We have a few yearbooks left. Please fill out your form and bring it to the office.



Click to learn more about [Making Mistakes](#).

**SOCCER SHOTS
THURSDAYS AT 11:30 A.M.**

**CLICK THIS LINK
TO SIGN UP FOR NEXT
SEASON STARTING MARCH 9.
OC SOCCER SHOTS**



After-School ACTIVITIES

PIANO, UKELELE, AND GUITAR WITH MR. TAYLOR. TO SCHEDULE: EMAIL AT TGL@TAYLORSGUITARLESSONS.COM OR CALL (714) 398-2638

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

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