



MONTESSORI

Child Development Center



MARCH 2024

WELCOME MARCH!

We have many fun celebrations in March, starting with Read Across America, Week of the Young Child, St. Patrick's Day, and the coming of Spring.

We look forward to a fun month! Please check our calendar for events and fun activities!

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Tuesday, 3/5 - Famous Person Dress-Up/Read Across America

Wednesday, 3/6 - Wacky Wednesday Dress Up Day

Thursday, 3/7 - Field Day and Favorite Team Dress Up Day

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



Our St. Patrick's Day celebration is on Friday, March 15. 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 Friday, March 22. Individual and sibling pictures are available. Permission forms will be out soon.

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the families for your support in our Valentine Bracelet Gram fundraiser. The elementary class earned \$400. Thank you to Aseel for leading the fundraiser and the Sood Family for sponsoring it.

Thank you to the elementary class for creating and running an amazing fundraiser! We love our bracelets!

CALENDAR

MARCH

TUES-THURS, March 3/5-3/7

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 22
SPRING PICTURE DAY

APRIL

MON - FRI, APRIL 1-5
SPRING BREAK (SCHOOL CLOSED)

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR 2-4 P.M.

MONDAY, APRIL 22
EARTH DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
CHILDREN'S NIGHT 3-4 P.M.



SICK POLICY

Please inform the school if your child is sick. It will help us keep track of illnesses in the school.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

4

Serena 3/4
Leo A. 3/26

5

Skylar 3/27

8

Howard 3/9

9

Anna 3/5

STAFF

Ms. Gabby 3/15
Ms. Haidee 3/17
Ms. Anna 3/19

What Makes a Montessori Parent?

For better or worse, there is no activity or item to purchase (or make) that will make your household Montessori. One could own the entire material curriculum without getting one step closer to the philosophy. Instead, the "secret" is all about how you live, interact and communicate with your child. In order to be a "Montessori Parent", you:

1. **Respect your child as both the person they are and the person they are becoming.** Your child may be small, naïve and inexperienced, yet they are at the same time a fully realized human being (main difference from an adult being the enormous amount of potential they hold!). They deserve every bit as much respect and dignity as anyone else, and they deserve it from you, specifically. Grace and Courtesy, especially, is not just something your child needs to learn, but something which must be extended to.
2. **Share your home and your life with your child, allowing them to participate to the fullest of their ability.** It is now their home, and their life, too – one which you can help prepare and guide, but not own. It is a universal human need to have a real and meaningful role in our community, to see the difference and influence we have on our surroundings, and children are no different in this regard. In practice, I invite you to look at your daily activities (work and play, taking care of yourself and of your home, planning, thinking, organizing) and see where you might invite and involve your child in them.
3. **Allow your child to be themselves, and by themselves.** Independence is the magic word of the Montessori philosophy, and it applies to every aspect of life, not just practical skills. Independent thought, work, choices of activity – a child needs to experience all of that. Allow them to be by themselves, to get lost in their own work and play without interruption; to overcome their own challenges, explore their ideas and interests, even enjoy their own company. It is not Montessori to be "actively educating" or optimizing your child's every waking moment – the furthest thing from, really!
4. **Get to know your child, so you can be there when they truly need you.** There is no way to know, ahead of time, what the right balance of freedom and supervision, closeness and independence will be at any point of your child's life. What kind of person they will be, what struggles and challenges they will have, and what exactly will they need from you? Commit to being intentional in your parenting and study of your child. Strive to understand and respect your child's development and where they are at any given time. There is no better way to get to know them than to observe, both directly and indirectly.

To read the full article please click this link: [Montessoriparenting.org](https://www.montessoriparenting.org)

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](#)



LITTLE STAR SPORTS TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 11:00 - 11:30

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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