

OCTOBER 2024



MONTESSORI

Child Development Center



HAPPY OCTOBER

Welcome October! This month, we have PT Conference, Pumpkin Patch, Pumpkin Show and Tell, and Halloween parade.



CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Monday, October 14 -
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE
(School Closed. Daycare available during conference time only)

Friday, October 18
PUMPKIN PATCH

Wednesday, October 23
DECORATED PUMPKINS DUE

Thursday, October 31 -
HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER

Monday, November 11-
VETERAN'S DAY (School Closed)

Wednesday, November 27
THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
(Minimum Day/School closes at 12:30 p.m.)

Thursday-Friday, November 28-29 -
THANKSGIVING (SCHOOL CLOSED)

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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Our first semester PT Conference is on Monday, October 14. If you haven't signed up yet, sign-up sheets are located on the clipboards outside the office. 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 18. 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 Wednesday, October 23 for "show and tell". We are going to use these pumpkins to decorate our Batwalk on Halloween. Our 2024 pumpkin theme is: favorite children's mystery or fantasy book character. Have fun and be creative!



PARADE OF COSTUMES

Our Parade of Costumes is on Thursday, October 31 from 10:00 -10:30 a.m. Children and parents can dress in their favorite costumes. 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.

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**.

SCAN HERE FOR THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB DIGITAL FLYER



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.](#)



October BIRTHDAYS

3

Eloisa 10/6
Emberleigh
10/27

5

Sara 10/6
Zaina 10/17

6

Jack 10/11

9

Ike 10/26

STAFF

Coach Shannon 10/3
Ms. Monique 10/24

10

Belated
Birthday
Aseel 9/23

MONTESSORI PARENTING: 10 WAYS WE CAN SHOW RESPECT TO OUR CHILD

by Simone Davis | MFA, TC September 2022

One thing about the Montessori approach is how we show respect to the child. The most powerful way for us to teach our children how to respect others is for us to model it and for them to absorb it every day. Here are ten ways we can show respect to our child:

1. Soft hands—the way we handle them
2. Listen—stop and really listen to their words, their expressions, their face, and hands
3. Use kind words—even when setting a limit
4. Avoid baby talk—speak to them as we would to an adult
5. Let them know what we appreciate—give feedback: “You put all the blocks back in the basket ready for the next person!” (rather than empty praise such as “good job”)
6. Allow time (as much as possible)—for movement, for conversation, to walk at their pace
7. Include them in daily life - let them help contribute in family conversations and make (age-appropriate) choices
8. Find ways to work with them (“Can you help me carry this heavy box inside?”) rather than threaten, bribe, or punish them (“If you don’t come inside right now, I’ll...”)
9. Look them in the eye and accept them for who they are— we can teach skills, but it is not our job to change them
10. Let them see how capable they are—set things up for them to have success; provide hands-on learning opportunities that they can master by themselves

BONUS

Be a model of honesty to our child - even if it's embarrassing at times, our vulnerability will show them that we trust them, and they will be honest with us and trust us. This can also mean apologizing when we get something wrong instead of blaming someone else. “I got it wrong. What I should have done is ... What I should have said is...”

Does this mean children can do whatever they want?

This does not mean that the adult is not in charge. We will set a limit when needed. Not passive. Not aggressive. But in a respectfully assertive way.

- “I’m not going to let you keep hitting me. You need to sit down, and I’m going to calm down.”
- “I can’t let you hurt your friend. I’m going to sit here between you.”
- “That vase can break. I’m going to put it up here, and we can find something else to bang.”

MONTESSORI PARENTS:
CLICK TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT SPEAKING YOUR
CHILD'S LANGUAGE

ARTICLE:
MONTESSORI IN THE KITCHEN



Extra-curricular
ACTIVITIES

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

SOCCER SHOTS -
THURSDAYS

LITTLE STAR
SPORTS- TUESDAYS
AND WEDNESDAYS

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



PEP RALLY

Pep Rally days are first Friday
of the month. Wear your MDCG
shirt on Fridays!

Yearbook Order Form

COST \$30

Yearbook deadline is Monday, December 16

Name of Child: _____

Number of books: _____

PAYMENT:

_____ \$30/Yearbook

Amount _____

TOTAL _____

Please attach your payment to this form

ck # _____ / Cash _____ Amount _____