



During the month of August, our children explored and learned about **Back to School**. Topics included how to introduce themselves and make new friends, various classroom rules and how to follow them, differences between school and home, and how to take good care of school property and use certain items safely and properly (especially pencils and scissors).



Field Trip

On August 13th, we had our very first field trip at Fernish Park! With great enthusiasm our children carried out a scavenger hunt, made various shapes with leaves and twigs, played with balls and jump ropes, and had a big race! Super excited at the lunch table right after the trip, they made a group decision that they would like to go to the park to celebrate each and everyone's birthday! Well, as long as the air quality is good, we don't see why not. 😊





Character Education - Resilience

Through reading a couple of Chinese books “输了没关系” (It is ok to fail) and “我能做得更好!” (I can do better!), our children learned about the characteristic of “resilience” – an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change. They also practice this trait in the following ways:

1. Keep working on a new job/task despite setbacks at the beginning.
2. Accept changes to our routine (two at a time to enjoy snacks) and wait patiently for their turn.
3. Stay cool when we get a “No” from others who either do not want to join us in a project/job/activity, or do not need our help.

Language Learning

- **English:** we have learned the alphabet letters from “a” to “h”.

It is always heartening to see our little ones shout out a word with such excitement! “D is for Daniela!” “E is for Elyse!” “H is for happy!”

- **Chinese:** we have been learning conversations taking place in a classroom through Chapter 1-你好 (Hello) in the Preschoolers Textbook compiled by Word of Grace Chinese School.



- **Spanish:** for the time being, we are studying colors and the Spanish alphabet.

We are so encouraged to see our children learning all these languages *con mucho gusto!*



End of School Year Celebration

On Thursday August 27th, we celebrated all of our star students for a successful school year 2019/2020 (albeit short). We had so much fun dancing to the music, and each and every one of our children were thrilled to receive their Star Student Photo and Certificate!



What We Are Up to in September:

“**My Body**” is our theme for next month, in which we will talk about:

- Various parts of my body
- The function of each body part
- How should we take good care of our body?
- Respect of our own and others’ body



Character Education- Respect

Respect refers to an act of giving particular attention and/or consideration.

Montessori

Teaching of the Child

“Look what the educationist does for the child. He speaks and speaks to the child and thinks most untrue things because he imagines the child understands nothing. If the child is not capable of being interested in the poor things the adults say, they become severe and oblige the child to repeat what they say. But the child is not only a creative personality, but a personality that can be in contact with God himself. Yet he cannot be in this contact if he has not achieved a certain independence from adults. The





child looks for his independence first, not because he does not desire to be dependent on the adult, but because he has in himself some fire, some urge, to do certain things and not other things. This is his inward law. However much you speak and speak, you accomplish nothing, because the child cannot take directly but only indirectly. This is the teaching of the child.”

--Maria Montessori, Citizens of the World: Key Montessori Readings, p.44

Montessori Quotes & Manifestations

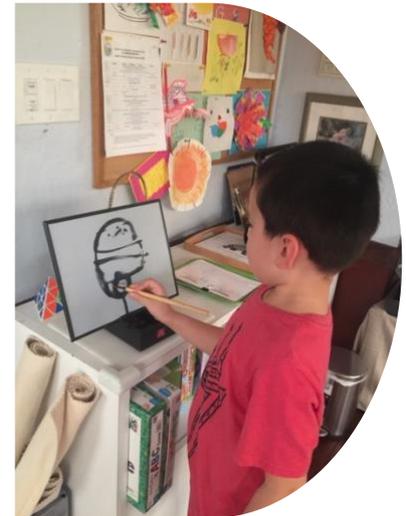
“To obtain discipline, it is not necessary for the adult to be a guide or mentor in conduct, but to give the child the opportunity to work.”

-Maria Montessori, A Modern Approach, p. 53



“As soon as concentration has begun, act as if the child does not exist.”

-Maria Montessori, The Discovery of the Child, p. 291



Announcements/Reminders

1. We will have 2 birthday celebrations in September. Parents please refer to our document “Birthday Celebrations” and prepare for your child’s birthday accordingly.
2. September’s tuition is due by Friday September 4th. To avoid any late payment fees, please make the payment before this date. An invoice will be sent to you soon.