

MONTESSORI LEARNING FOR LIVING PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN
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MONTESSORI MONITOR OCTOBER 2017

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**
School Pictures
October 17 & 18

Clarification on exposure notices

We are required, as a state licensed preschool, to inform all parents of any contagious condition or illness. (your pediatrician should let you know when you need to tell us)

An exposure notice does not necessarily mean the condition or illness is going around our school, in fact most cases, it means one child's parent let us know their child was at school prior to being diagnosed.

We make every effort to ensure a clean and healthy environment so that your children stay well for many happy school days

**ADDRESSES, EMAILS AND
PHONE NUMBERS**

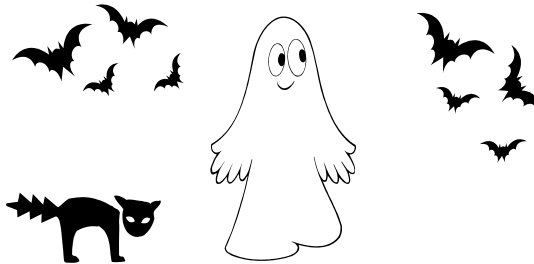
When we are asked, we like to be able to give out a phone number for a play date, or email or home addresses for birthday invitations.

This information is confidential and will only be given by specific request of currently enrolled children or their parent. We do not share our full class lists. If you do not want your information given out, Please let us know.

Label Everything

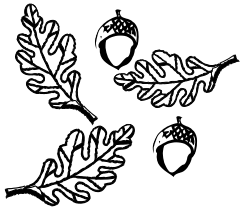
Please label *everything* including the water bottles. On these chilly days it is very important the children have a jacket to wear during outside playtime. Please send a **labeled** jacket to school.

In the interest of maintaining "our peaceful classroom" we ask that costumes not be worn to school. Halloween designs on sweatshirts, shirts, dresses, and outfits, or dressing in orange and black is a nice alternative.



TUITION

Each month you will receive a tuition payment envelope with your newsletter. Payment is due on the first of each month. You may either mail your payment to the school's P.O. Box (1594), hand it to a teacher, or place payment in the "Check Box" located on the counter in the "House" kitchen. **If you mail your payment, it must arrive by the FIFTH of the month to avoid incurring a late penalty.**



COTTAGE CHATTER

During October we will be learning about the Fall season. We love to have children bring in a favorite book to read at story time. Books about fall, leaves, acorns, nuts, or pumpkins are especially appropriate this month. Children usually get a great deal of pleasure bringing in a book with pictures of animals and other familiar things. You will also find a lot of pumpkins in the classroom. The Pumpkin Patch is new to the Numbers area and How Pumpkins Grow, is new in Practical life. The children are finding new friends and helping to keep our school environment neat and clean. We are working on putting projects away when the children are finished and waiting patiently until our friends are done with their projects. Every day is a new learning experience.

HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Practical Life with Ms. Cheryl:

The children have been doing a great job coming into the classroom, washing their hands and putting their things away. They are so eager to start their day!

In Practical Life we have been working on pouring from various vessels which helps the child with his/her fine motor skills, order, and problem solving. Working with the dressing frames is also a project the children have been enjoying. These frames help with their manipulative skills and care of self. October will be a month full of fun and festive fall art and activities.



Science and Geography With Ms. Valerie:

October winds blow in a change of season—fall. What a wonderful time of the year! Fall leaves will be in the air, showing off their colors. In the classroom, we will be learning more about our skeletons, and how good food and exercise make our bodies strong.

Growing pumpkins and harvest time will also be part of the bounty in Ms. Valerie's room this month....Be sure to watch out for bats and spiders.

And remember...go outside one of these wonderful fall nights and look at the stars and moon above...Fall is such a FABULOUS season!

Math and Language With

Ms. Lisa and Ms. Amber

The children are settling in quite nicely to their Montessori classroom. The new children are becoming familiar with the routine, and the returning children have enjoyed their role in assisting those children. During group lessons the children will be shown the bead stair, spindle boxes, and numerals and counters. The focus of these projects is numeral and quantity associations, counting, and the concept of odd and even (with the numerals and counters). As the month progresses, we will explore the teen beads and the teen boards, to help us master those tricky teen numbers!

In Language, we will introduce **f, b, o** and **r**. We will continue to review **a, m, s,** and **t**. Our focus is on the sound that each letter makes. We are working on sound discrimination by isolating the sound at the beginning of a word.

