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MISSOULA VALLEY MONTESSORI



"THE CHILD WHO CONCENTRATES
IS IMMENSELY HAPPY."

-MARIA MONTESSORI

Dear Parents,
There is a lot happening at MVM these days. In the primary classrooms our studies of the United States and Australia are well underway. We have been learning about Australian animals, the Great Barrier Reef, and

Aboriginal art techniques. The children focusing on the U.S. are learning about our flag, the Statue of Liberty, making maps, singing songs, square dancing, and more. When they are not inside learning and growing, your children are outside playing hard.

Our new system of splitting into two groups has been a big success. Of course when spring arrives, you will undoubtedly find all of us out there enjoying the sunshine together towards the end of the day.



AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS



OLD GLORY

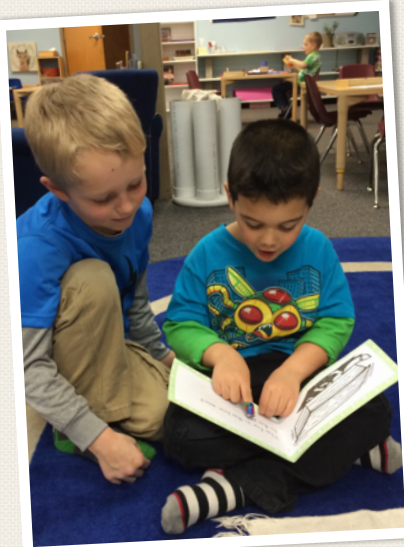


AUSSIE FAIRY BREAD

Valentine's Day at MVM:

This Friday we will celebrate Valentine's Day at MVM. Our theme is again, "We Love Our Healthy Bodies." The Parent Group is providing healthy treats for everyone to enjoy. Of course, it is important to nurture the soul, too, so we will have one sweet treat. (Thank you April Lange, mother of Helen!) Monday morning we will have the list of all the names in your child's class if you want to bring in a card for everyone. There are 27 children in the blue room and 27 in the green and taupe rooms combined. The children will have a ball delivering valentines to all of their friends. Just cards please, no candy. Thank you! (Tip for parents of non-writers: You could print out the names and have your child glue the name on the card.)

The Early Learners will join us at 2:45 for treats after their own little celebration.



RE-ENROLLMENT

THE FORMS TO RE-ENROLL YOUR CHILD ARE NOW IN THE HALLWAY. IF YOU PLAN TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO MVM AGAIN NEXT YEAR (WE HOPE!) PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM TO ENSURE A PLACE IS HELD FOR YOUR CHILD. THANK YOU!



SOCCER

BEGINNING IN MARCH THE PRIMARY STUDENTS WILL HEAD OVER TO THE MISSOULA INDOOR SOCCER ARENA FOR LESSONS IN THE AFTERNOON EVERY TUESDAY FOR 5 WEEKS.



SUMMER

WE WILL BE OFFERING A SUMMER CAMP AGAIN THIS YEAR! ALYSSA WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM AND SHE IS ALREADY COMING UP WITH WONDERFUL IDEAS. KELLI AND SUNNY WILL SHARE THE ROLE AS HER ASSISTANT.

Early Learners News:

The most exciting piece of news for the Early Learners is the return of Anna to the classroom! Anna and Maggie are now with your children every day until 11:30. After that Anna's heartstrings pull her back to Elijah. Lindsay arrives in the afternoon to assist Maggie. We are so blessed to have three wonderful women who are so devoted to our Early Learners program.

We are also pleased to welcome three new students to this classroom. Finley, Emelia, and Max have all joined the Early Learners group. We are thrilled to have them.

Overheard...

After painting an Australian animal, "Do you like my Swombat?"

A young lady in the blue room went home to show her grandparents her American flag. "This is my grand old flag!"

After dramatically emphasizing the sound of the letter h several times, a child of barely three years informed the teacher, "I can see your uvula."