
MVM NEWS

Hello MVM Families,

Forgive us for being a bit tardy with this newsletter. Once spring break is behind us time seems to pick up speed. How is it possible that we only have four more weeks of school?

We have been very busy at MVM. The children continue to learn about Africa. We have been focusing on the continent in general from the animals to the climate as well as learning a bit about a few countries: Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana, Morocco, and more. The other day the children sampled couscous which is a common dish in Morocco. It was a huge hit. Every single child was in the clean plate club. If you've never served it at home you might want to try it.

We have also been learning about butterflies and frogs. This was a rather spontaneous decision as the children began to observe and share what they were noticing as winter melted away and the sights and sounds of spring emerged. In the Montessori way, we followed their lead.

We are now preparing our spring program which will feature plays, music, and dance at 10:00. After the performance we will have our annual end of the year potluck picnic at 11:00. As we get closer to the date we will put out sign-up sheets to bring in food and other necessary items. Mark your calendar now. It's going to be a fun day. Dismissal is at noon.

The new play structure now has a border and wood chips. Thank you to Jason Widaman for taking the time to get the border for us and to Jaime Oldmixon for stabilizing it. Kelly Needs found child approved wood chips for us, ordered them, and she has been putting down the wood barrier. We are so grateful to all of you that have helped with the many elements that have gone into this structure. It literally would not have happened without you.

We said good-bye to Maggie as she begins a new chapter in her life. Not only is she getting married, but she is moving to Washington. We wish her a fond farewell and the best of luck. Sunny has stepped into the role of lead teacher for the Early Learners seamlessly. She is already doing a fantastic job with Jordan at her side.



A Note for the Early Learners' Room

Spring is here and I'm excited for my transition into teaching in the Early Learners' classroom. For those of you who don't know me, I was the lead in the MVM after care program last school year and for the earlier part of this year I interned in Kim's primary class. The Montessori classroom, whether it be for the Early Learners or older students, is organic in nature and students are encouraged to explore at their own pace. The spring rain and shine create a perfect environment to discuss and explore: the weather and changing seasons, plant life and growth, and rainbows! Also this month, the Early Learners will be preparing an African inspired song for MVM's end of the year performance.

I love working with this cheery group of growing students and look forward to getting to know parents and family.

-Sunny Busby

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 17 & 19: Primary Field Trip to P.E.A.S

May 26 & 27: Conferences- Evening conferences on the 26th and no school on the 27th. Sign-up sheets will be in the hallway this week.

May 30: Memorial Day Observed - School Closed

June 10: Last Day of School, Spring Program, Picnic, Noon Dismissal, No After Care

June 13: First Week of MVM Summer Camp