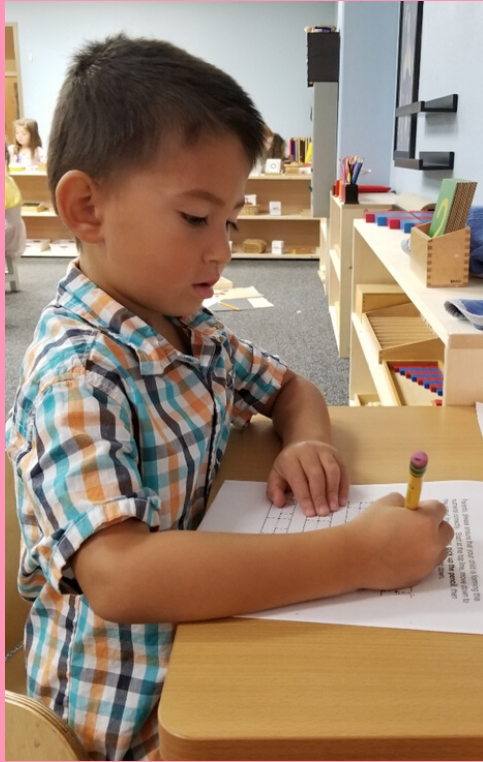


# SETTLING IN AT MVM

MISSOULA VALLEY MONTESSORI | WHERE CHILDREN COME FIRST



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Monday, October 28th**

Author Visit 11:15

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**Tuesday, October 29th**

Original Works Orders Due

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**Thursday, October 31st**

Halloween Party 2:15

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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**Tuesday, November 12th**

Picture Day

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**Thursday, November 14th &  
Friday, November 15th**

Parent Teacher Conferences

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**Tuesday, November 26th**

Thanksgiving Feast

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## REFLECTIONS FROM KIM

Hello MVM Families,

We are now fully ensconced into the second month of school. This is a wonderful time for teachers because the energy, love and attention they invested in those early weeks is beginning to pay off. Montessorians spend an incredible amount of time preparing the classroom environment. Once the children arrive, changes are often made based on observations during the day. Were the materials accessible? Were the children able to move easily about the room finding space to work? Which lessons on the shelf need a bit of 'tweaking' to truly meet the needs of the child? We refer to the first few weeks of school as a time of instilling 'Grace and Courtesy' so that the children internalize a sense of care and respect for the materials,



one another and themselves. This takes a lot of focused intent on behalf of the teachers. They guide the children in the routines and rituals of the day investing a lot of time and thought into the information they are sharing with the children in their care. The fact that these precious children know how to line up or get their teacher's attention or wait patiently for a material that is in use is not an accident. The teachers give lessons in practical life which guide the children in independence, coordination, concentration and a sense of order. Lessons are presented using the brilliant sensorial materials which lead the way to math. Art is infused into each day as are lessons from the peace shelves. This concentrated investment in the children sets the tone for the rest of the year.



Are there moments of disarray or times when the noise level is higher than we like? Of course. And is there time spent each and every day reminding a child that what they just said to a friend was deeply hurtful? Yes indeed. Do the children misuse the materials every once in a while? I'm sorry to share that they do. But what I love about this Montessori thing we do is that when those times arise, the teachers are working from a scaffolding they have put in place. They are reminding the children how we treat one another hereat MVM. They have the time to visit privately with the child, or children, to work from a place of consistency, respect, and support. And they also

have the training and experience to know that this too shall pass, because we believe in these children and this method.

As the administrator I am fortunate to be able to wander through the classrooms each day. I am consistently impressed with the loving, dedicated efforts of the MVM staff as they interact with these little humans. I am in awe of the abilities, large and small, of the children and I am grateful for you as parents who put your trust in us.

-Kim



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PARENT GROUP

The MVM Parent Group has been working on a number of initiatives since the school year started and we need your help and want to keep you in the loop!

### Halloween Party: October 31st

Snack sign ups are outside the classrooms! Don't forget to sign up! Looking forward to seeing these adorable kids in their costumes.

### Picture Day: November 12th

Get ready for some adorable pictures by Jen Mefford at Little Bear Photography. Volunteers may be requested if parent group cannot fill all the positions. Stay tuned!

### Parent Teacher Conferences: November 14th & 15th

The wonderful teachers at MVM meet with us back to back on conference days to review their detailed assessments of our children without time for so much as a coffee break. Let's help them out and bring some sustenance to the very people who weather tantrums and teach our kids to read. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon for those interested in bringing food, snacks, and wine (kidding! Sort of...) to the fantastic teachers at MVM on the morning of the 14th.

### Scrip Accounts:

Attention Fresh Market and Good Food Store shoppers!

- The Good Food Store - Before you pay, request that you want to apply your purchase to a scrip account. MVM's number is 557. No need to sign up or do anything else other than say that. Missoula Valley Montessori gets 3% back, what a great way to shop and help our school. Tell your spouse, your mom - so simple!
- For those of you who shop at Missoula Fresh Market -the cashier will ask for your receipt, write Missoula Valley Montessori on the back and give it to cashier. That simple !! It's (pretty) easy and provides funds to benefit our children through field trips, new materials, new playground equipment, and more.

Check out the parent group on Facebook under "MVM parent group"

Thank you! If you have any questions please contact Kelsey Farago at 425-417-1678 or email at [kelseyfaragophotography@gmail.com](mailto:kelseyfaragophotography@gmail.com)





# PHOTOS FROM THE GREEN ROOM





## PHOTOS FROM THE TAUPE ROOM



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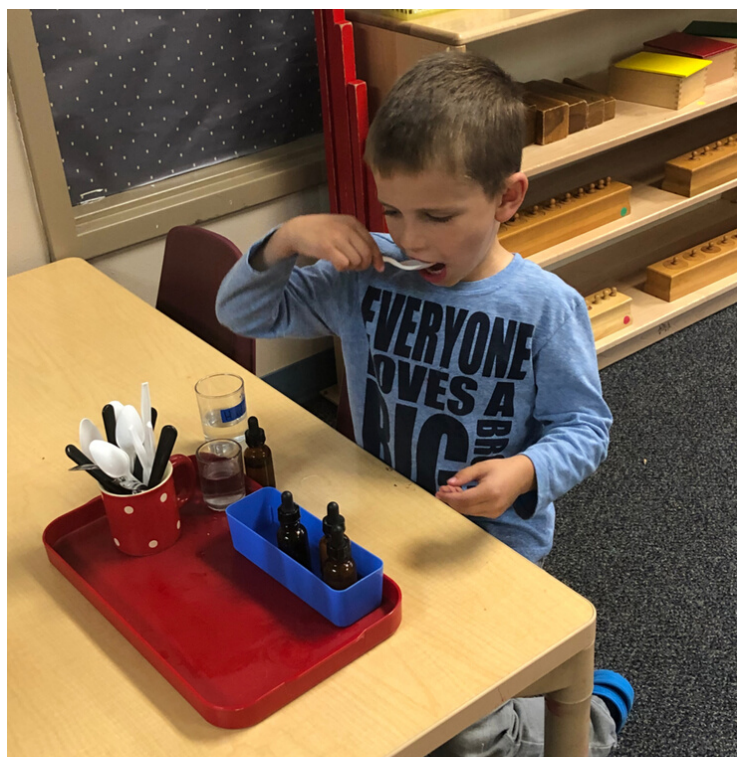




## PHOTOS FROM THE TAUPE ROOM



"This is the best year of my entire life because I get to do this work right now."





# PHOTOS FROM THE EARLY LEARNER ROOM





## PHOTOS FROM THE BLUE ROOM

