

# Napa Valley Montessori Learning Center

## Lower Elementary Newsletter

May 2014

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are having our graduation on June 20, 2014! We will be holding an assembly and ceremony open to family and friends.

Summer camp is scheduled to begin on June 23, 2014. The schedule will be released soon.

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Happy Spring to all of our Montessori students, families and faculty. Our garden continues to transform and mature just like our students. Come check out what we have growing.

In addition to our Math and Language Arts individual lessons in the mornings, our afternoons consist of a variety of activities. The month at a glance provides a glimpse of what we do, but is occasionally subject to change.

### Month at a glance: May

#### Science:

We will be performing a CO<sub>2</sub> experiment to observe the density of CO<sub>2</sub> in comparison with air.

We do microscope work each week. Generally we look at specimens from the garden, either a leaf or an insect or anything else that catches our eye.

We are continuing with our solar system studies. We've learned about the Sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Next is Uranus.

We are still planning to collect more marine water and take a look under the microscope. Diatoms away!

#### Art:

We are continuing our two drawing lessons a week. The students continue to make strides in their drawing abilities.

We've been practicing still life water color painting of fruit and vegetables.

We will be starting a class zentangle this week.

Paper Mache is still on the horizon too!

And of course we're creating something for Mother's Day May 11.

#### Culture:

The focus of this semester is everything Spring of course and we are also continuing our history studies with the rise of the city. We've learned about the Ancient Egyptians and we're now headed for the rise of Rome.

#### Cooking:

We are hosting vegetable of the week until the end of the school year. We have already learned about the zucchini, which has more potassium than a banana! We are currently learning about lettuce. As we learn about the vegetables we also try them in many forms. More to come.

