

Napa Valley Montessori May Newsletter

The lovely month of May is here, complete with lovely weather, lots of sunshine and flowers. The children are growing as fast as the garden! This is an exciting month for us as we will be studying bugs, their anatomy, their habitat, what they eat and what they do. We will also be having a visit from the local fire department and they will bring one of their engines for the children to look at.

Montessori Corner:

"Why do they do that?"

Have you ever wondered why the children carry their own lunch boxes in? Or put their own nap blankets away?

The following article was found online and explains a little about the Montessori philosophy:

"The American Montessori Society (AMS) states that "The aim of Montessori education is to foster autonomous, competent, responsible, adaptive citizens who are life-long learners and problem solvers". (Montessori Education: Key Concepts and Practices, 1990)

Autonomous: auto (self) + nomos (law) = "self-ruling or self-regulating"

Montessori said there are three types of autonomy: Intellectual Autonomy, Physical Autonomy, and Emotional Autonomy. By developing all three, a person is capable of becoming in charge of his or her own life.

One of the reasons so many parents choose Montessori is because they want to help their children on their journey to autonomy, independence and success."

Posted by Michelle Irinyi

You can help foster this sense of autonomy and independence at home as well by allowing

the child to do as much as they can to help around the house, help dress themselves, and help set the table. Together, let's help our children become "competent, responsible, adaptive citizens."

Birthdays this month:

Claire	-	May 8
Bradley	-	May 8
Matthew	-	May 14
Jayden	-	May 15
Scarlett	-	May 19

Happy Birthday!

Welcome:

Welcome **Jay** to our Montessori Family!

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, May 23 - Fire Department Visit
Monday, May 27 - **School Closed**
- Memorial Day Holiday

A Friendly Reminder:

School begins at 9am. Child care is available before 9am at a rate of \$7.50 /hr. with advance notice. Also the same applies for any one picked up after 5:30. There will be a charge of \$1 per minute past 5:30. Thank you for your understanding in these matters.

Happy Mother's Day!!

Ms. Tory, Ms. Kathy and Ms. Cathleen.