



AUGUST

HELLO ALL

We had a fun filled July. The Children enjoyed learning about the ocean and the sea creatures. We also discussed insects and bugs. We created a gallery in the Lower Elementary hallway related to our themes. We hope you had the time to see their work. If you didn't, please do not worry, your child will be bringing home their work to share with you at the end of each camp.

AUGUST THEMES

Around the World in 10 Days.
July 31st- August 11th



Transportation

August 14th- August 31st

IMPORTANT DATES

September 1st- School is closed- Teacher in Service

September 4th- School is closed-Labor Day

September 5th- First Day of School



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Please remember to send your child to school with play shoes with rubber soles. We encourage your child to run and climb on the play structure. We do not want your child to hurt their feet while playing. If your child still doesn't know how to tie his or her shoes, please provide your child with shoes that he or she can put on independently.



WALKING FIELD TRIP

We would love to take the children next door to have a picnic, read books under the tree, play soccer, or basketball. In order for us to go, we need you to fill out a permission slip for your child. Please stop at the office at your earliest convenience to sign the permission slip. In order for us to leave campus ALL permission slips need to be signed.

SUNBLOCK

Please apply sunblock on your child daily before coming to school. It is very warm outside in the afternoons. We do not want them to get sunburned.



SEASONAL FIELD TRIPS

It's almost a new school year. We have planned several seasonal field trips throughout the year. Parent volunteers are always welcomed. If you would like to be a driver for field trips we would greatly appreciate it.

We just need....

- A copy of your Driver's license
- A copy of your Insurance
- A signed permission slip from you.

For further details please come to the office.



CREATION STATION

We need matching lids to make shakers for the Redwood Classroom

EXPLORE THE BAY

Through September 4th Wildcard will be hosting a workshop on "How To Build With Cardboard." At the San Francisco Exploratorium. They are open every week day and on Friday evenings. This is a great follow up for creation Station in the Redwood classroom.

LEADERSHIP IN THE CLASSROOM

As part of Montessori's multiage classroom, we encourage leaderships. It is typical to see older children teach and model for the younger students. It gives the older children the opportunity to grow deeper in their thinking, to develop leadership skills and to build confidence.



Keerat is giving a lesson to the Redwood Classroom on the Punjabi Alphabet.



Gianne giving a lesson to Gavin on the ocean zones.



Connor G. & Connor P. working together to create an Eiffel Tower out of rolled up newspaper.

Finished Project in August News Letter, Stay tuned...

PARENT'S CORNER READING

Please continue reading to your child and have him or her read to you throughout the summer. We encourage weekly library visits and checking out books of your child's interest.

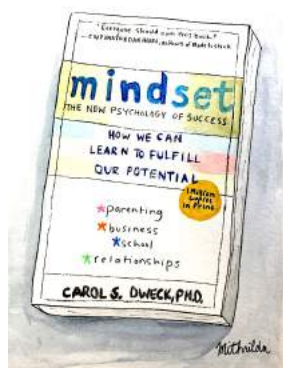


MULTIPLICATION

Students in the Birchwood classroom have made their own multiplication flashcards, they study their flashcards and do a two minute drill daily. I encourage them to review their flashcards every night before bed.

GROWTH MINDSET

Everyday the Birchwood classroom does a daily journal. On Fridays we do reflective journals. This allows the students to think about their overall week and how they can improve next week. The questions that I ask them develop a growth mindset. Growth Mindset was created by a world renowned Stanford University Psychologist, Carol Dweck. Dweck states (2010), "When we have a fixed mindset we believe our intelligence and talents are fixed traits. In a growth mindset, people believe their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work." The growth mindset creates: a love of learning, motivation, problem solving, productivity, resiliency, strong relationships, and success in academics and careers. I encourage you to ask your child questions that will make him think about their day and how he can grow from that experience. For more information check out:



GOODBYES

We want to say goodbye to Callie, Aria, Mason and Max We will miss them and wish them a successful first year in kindergarten.

We really enjoyed having them in our classroom community.



We want to thank Keerat's, Simran's, and Gianne's families for contributing to our Travel curriculum in the Redwood classroom. Please stop by to see the lovely displays of materials that parents have shared.

WELCOME

We welcome SIMRAN and her family to Napa Valley Montessori school. She is a new kindergartener in Redwood.



Thank you for your continuous dedication and support! We have five more weeks until Fall semester begins. We hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer!

Mahealani Lower Elementary Head Teacher

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Destiny Upper Elementary Head Teacher

&

Reina Afterschool Teacher

