

# ALL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 2024



## A Message From the Head of School

Dear Families,  
Happy March!

It's Women's History Month!

Our Kindergarten children have been doing wonderfully in school and we are meeting them where they are at on a daily basis. In true Montessori mixed-age group fashion... We are working on math, sight words, science, music, movement—all are happening daily. Kindergarten in Montessori is all about learning to socialize, learn manners, and to be kind. Please keep in mind that a Montessori Kindergarten (any age really) is based on self-directed activities, hands-on learning, collaborative play, practical life lessons, math, language etc. It is not about "academics" per say, or sitting at a desk, or being "talked at". It is more about exploration and self-direction. We are their guides. We had planned to do kindergarten assessments last week, however too many children became ill— and once a child is under the weather, they need a bit of time to get well enough to do their best on any assessment. So we hope to get to those done this week.

Thank you so much for understanding my note regarding illnesses in children. We came very close to having to close a couple of times, because of staff illnesses. Being even one teacher short puts us out of ratio—and can require closure. Please have back up care. Sick children will need to be sent home. When children are sent to school sick, it puts the other students and teachers at risk as well. We never want to close due to staff being ill, so thank you for taking this seriously.

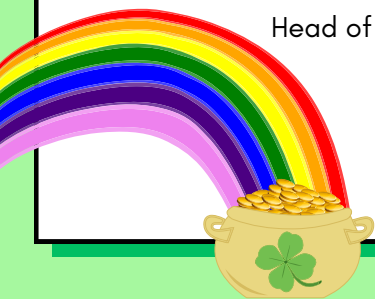
We appreciate it. And if you would like to be on our substitute list or volunteer list, please let me know. If you would like to know what we are doing this month (or any month) please read through the newsletter for our lesson plan. Feel free to extend the learning by bringing in items that go along with the lesson plan we are doing. We would love to have your participation. Oh, and you can go over these sight words with your child... **I, the, see, no, do, how, go, for, down, off, and out**.... this month. Keep practicing!

Also, our schedule is not written in stone. It is simply a guideline. If we get involved in a project, we often have to switch things up a bit. This is group care, and life happens! :)

Stay tuned for our open house date, as well as our summer program plans!

Thank you,

Dr. Theresa  
Head of School



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## Monthly Themes & Lesson Goals

This month our lesson goals will center around several important themes and holidays during the month of March:

**St. Patrick's Day, Women's History, Plant a Flower Day & Cesar Chavez Day.** We are excited for the various projects and knowledge that your student will take home this month.

**Spirit Week will be held March 11th-15th in theme of St. Patrick's Day.**

**Monday 3/11:** Lucky Socks Day

**Tuesday 3/12:** Silly Hat Day

**Wednesday 3/13:** Pajama Day

**Thursday 3/14:** Rainbow Day

**Friday 3/15:** Green & Gold Day

**Math:** Identify and form numbers, Number tracing, Counting by 5's

**Language:** Identify and form letters Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Letter sounds for A-Z, Vowel Sounds, Letter Tracing

**Motor Skills:** Playdough, scissors, stamping, movement activities



## Reminders

- **Sick:** COVID, Flu & RSV are high in numbers right now, so please help us keep our school community safe by keeping your student home if they are sick. **They must be fever-free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.** However, fevers are not the only indicator of illness, so if students are noticeably tired & unproductive in school you may receive a call for them to go home. **(Masks are encouraged)**
- **Clothing:** Please dress your student appropriately for the daily weather conditions, and check their cubby for extra clothes and replace them if new clothing is needed.
- **Shoes:** Open-toes shoes and shoes with laces are **not permitted** due to the potential trip hazard.

## Important Dates

**March 28 - 29** - Spring Break  
**(School Closed)**

**April 1** - Cesar Chavez Day  
Observed **(School Closed)**

## Birthdays

**March 5** - Rayan turns 4

**March 6** - Maddison turns 3

**March 28** - Yohanzen turns 5

