



CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

April 2025

What We'll Learn

Dear Families,

Happy Spring! As the days grow longer and flowers begin to bloom, our Montessori classroom is filled with excitement, discovery, and growth. April brings many opportunities for hands-on learning and joyful experiences for your children!

This month, our class will be exploring the fascinating life cycle of a butterfly! We'll observe real caterpillars each day as they grow and transform into butterflies. Once they've completed their metamorphosis, we'll celebrate with a special outdoor butterfly release.

In addition, we'll be planting green bean seeds - an activity we postponed from last month. The children will learn about the plant life cycle and observe and document the weekly changes as the seeds sprout and grow. Once they're ready, we'll transfer them to our garden to continue caring for them together.

Upcoming Events

- April 25 : Trike-A-Thon

School closes at Noon

(More details to be announced soon)

School Items

If your child has borrowed a school blanket or extra clothing, please kindly return these items as soon as possible. Our supply is limited, and we rely on having extras available for unexpected accidents. Thank you for your support!





The Importance of Montessori Materials

Montessori materials are thoughtfully designed to support your child's development through hands-on exploration and independent learning. These materials help children engage all their senses while building concentration, coordination, and problem-solving skills.

Some examples we've been working with include:

- The Pink Tower: This material builds visual discrimination of size and strengthens fine motor skills. Children learn to stack cubes in order from largest to smallest, preparing their minds for math concepts like volume and sequencing.
- Sandpaper Letters: These textured letters allow children to trace each letter's shape while saying the sound, reinforcing letter recognition and early literacy through tactile, visual, and auditory pathways.
- Practical Life Activities: Pouring, buttoning, sweeping, and using tongs build fine motor control and independence. These real-life activities help children feel confident and capable in their daily routines. They also help to strengthen the hand's muscles to eventually grip a pencil properly for writing.

Montessori materials give children the tools to discover how to learn, not just what to learn. They are a foundational part of the Montessori method and a joy to watch in action.



Reminders

Don't forget - Fridays are Free Dress days and also Show& Tell!
Children are welcome to wear non-uniform clothing and bring a special item from home to share with the class