

September

WELCOME Back to SCHOOL!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! We're thrilled to have your child in our class and can't wait to embark on this exciting journey together. This newsletter will provide you with important updates, upcoming events, and a glimpse of what's ahead in the 2025-2026 school year..

Ms. Rachelle

What to Expect

- A new schedule to strengthen our skills through work cycles, Montessori Presentations and Smart Circles.
- Small Group and 1:1 instructions with guide.
- Build skills in teamwork, critical thinking, and communication through hands-on activities.

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Important Dates

First Day of School: September 2

Show & Tell: September 3, 10, 17, 24

Free Dress Fridays: September 5, 12, 19, 26

Napa Valley Montessori

Class Daily Schedule

A.M.

9:15-9:30	Circle Time-Calendar (in English & Spanish), Movement, Story, Class Jobs
9:30-9:45	Montessori Presentation/Smart Circles (Math & Language Focus)
9:45-10:00	Outdoor Snack
10:00-10:15	Craft/Activity & Journaling
10:15-11:10	Montessori Work Cycle, 1:1 with Guide, Free Activity Choice
11:10-12:05	Lunch/Recess

P.M.

12:30-12:45	Quiet Story Time/Group Discussion
12:45-1:15	Games & Table Activities/1:1 Work/Makeup Work
1:15-1:35	Directed Art (Tues & Thurs)/Directed Worksheet (Mon, Wed, Fri)
1:35-1:50	Practical Life & Sensorial Play
1:50-2:35	Outdoor Project & Gardening
2:35-2:45	Indoor Movement Songs
2:45-3:05	Goodbye Circle / Alphabet Bingo / Numbers Game



Important:

- Please arrive **ON TIME** so your child doesn't miss out on group instruction. We start learning at 9:15.
- Please do **NOT** bring toys from home unless it is for Show & Tell on Wednesdays.



Reminders

- NO NUTS allowed at school. We have students with allergies.
- Please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes in their cubby.
- If your child is not yet potty trained, please provide teachers with pull-ups (ones that open/close at the sides) and wipes.
- NO TOYS from home unless it is Show & Tell Wednesday. Toys from home cause distractions in our learning routine.

A Note From the Director

This month we will focus on the topic of **All About Me** as we get to know one another and establish our new school routine. We are excited to share that our school has a new daily routine designed to give children a balanced mix of Montessori learning, group activities, and creative exploration. This structure allows us to keep learning fun and meaningful while also helping each child grow in confidence and independence.

OUR DAILY ROUTINE includes:

- **Circle Time** - Building community and setting the tone for the day.
- **Montessori Presentations** - Daily demonstrations (except Wednesdays) of core Montessori lessons such as rolling a rug, pouring water, or working with math and language materials. After watching, children will have the chance to practice the activity themselves. Each week, presentations will include a practical life skill along with a math, language, or sensorial lesson.

A Note From the Director...Continued

- **Smart Circle** - Dedicated group instruction that rotates between Math and Language. Math days will include games, counting with manipulatives, dry-erase number writing, and number stories. Language days will focus on alphabet sounds, vowels, rhyming words, and letter writing practice. On **Wednesdays, Smart Circle will be Show & Tell**, where children can share something from home (small enough to fit in their cubby) and practice their public speaking.
- **Work Cycles & 1:1 Teacher Time** - Opportunities for independent exploration and individual guidance.
- **Crafts, Directed Art, and Worksheets** - Encouraging creativity and fine motor development in a group setting of instruction.
- **Practical Life & Dramatic Play** - Building independence, social skills, and real-world understanding
- **Story Time & Movement Activities** - Supporting literacy, imagination, and healthy bodies.

To keep our classroom focused and organized, we've created three small learning groups. Children will rotate through activities in these groups and also come together during shared times of the day.

We are thrilled to begin this enriching schedule and look forward to welcoming back our returning students as well as new friends joining us this month. It's going to be a wonderful year of growth, discovery, and joy!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to stop by my office - my door is always open!

Warm regards,
Ms. Rachelle