

The children are back in their routine, happy to be in class. Progress is noticeable as they are motivated to choose more challenging work and find new materials. Information about our studies; North America- the continent has been covered, where it is on a planisphere map, our marble painting art, singing the continent song and introducing some of the animals indigenous to the area of study e.g. "Monte Moose". Connecting the information for the children to their environment allows them to process abstract to concrete. Experiencing the study through the eyes of a young child is as unique as it is genuine while we search for each child's depth of knowledge within all areas of our prepared environment. We enjoyed our visit from Edith the Edmonds Librarian she shared her love for books and talent for playing the accordion! Our next visitor will be in February for dental awareness month.

Enrollment for our 2016-2017 school year and summer session has already started. Current families have until February 29th to confirm your child will be returning and secure their place. Returning families must fill out a registration form and return it with the \$95 fee to secure your place; families with siblings may also take this opportunity to register. Keep in mind summer session is a great opportunity for children moving on to keep their skills honed, for children returning in the fall it offers continuity and gives children new to Edmonds Montessori an introduction to our environment. We are offering the summer session as a six week class, 8:30-11:30 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, starting July 12th ending August 18th OR as a weekly drop-in option. The enrollment forms are available from your teacher or online.

Valentines Day Celebration; Thursday, February 11th (If your child does not normally come they are welcome to join class) Please send your child with Valentines, signed by your child. This is a fabulous opportunity to practice writing their name. However please do NOT address them to individual students in their class (leave the "to" blank). The children will make bags in class to bring home their Valentine's.

"The beauty of Montessori is that it is meant for every child. As a Montessori student your child will have the opportunity to develop the intellectual foundation and emotional confidence that will serve as secure stepping stones as he or she travels the path to becoming an adult. Not every Montessori student founds a global company, becomes a life saving surgeon or reaches millions through their writing, nor does Montessori equate success with notoriety. Montessori educators equate success to helping a child become a self-confident, emotionally secure global citizen who can competently and confidently address social or economic issues while achieving their life's goals. As a result of the Montessori approach to education, Montessori students are prepared for life, not just for a test." ~ Tomorrow's child

Conference schedule sheets will be posted on each class bulletin board outside your child's classroom Tuesday, February 2nd. We have designated; Tuesday, February 16 for conference (NO classes) Please do not bring your child with you to the conference; this is based upon our deep respect for the feelings and privacy of the child. We look forward to our time together.

~At the core of our school is the child



Jabari; stacking takes concentration



Maggie; North America w/marble paint



Novie; water color planisphere map