



Montessori Messenger

"Academia in the Toddler Classroom"... what does that mean?

Many people think of reading, writing, and arithmetic when they think of academics. Educating the whole person goes far beyond just the 3 basics. As Montessori Educators, it is our philosophy that we educate the whole person. That means teaching them how to socialize, problem solve, communicate effectively, increase their situational awareness, work cooperatively, have fun and enjoy being a part of community that is working towards the greater good.

These are all very important aspects to human nature that are crucial in the toddler years. Toddlers have now recognized that there are other people to whom they could develop a relationship with & their actions affect others. Learning how to invite another child to work with them is a new concept. It takes practice, spoken vocabulary, and initiation on the part of the child to create these situations.

Keeping the classroom neat and clean; allowing the child the opportunity to recognize the needs of the classroom and to initiate the cleaning, or the setting up for snack/lunch, preparing food for others and participating in group songs and dances are all part of the academia for a toddler. Having started to learn these socialization skills will help them greatly as they become older and their energy needs to be directed towards more complex activities.

You will start to see more counting work, letter work, greater increase in vocabulary building, finer eye-hand coordination, activities that require more steps for them to remember in order for them to accomplish. Montessori activities are specifically designed for more than one purpose. Table washing not only has multiple steps to increase memory but it also develops the hand strength and dexterity for handwriting.

We would like to thank all of you for your support and entrusting us with your children. They are gifts and we are privileged to be a part of their growth and development.

-Submitted by Ms. Katherine Orlando

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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

☺ PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S EXTRA CLOTHES BOX TO MAKE SURE THEY INCLUDE SEASONALLY APPROPRIATE ITEMS!

☺ Picture Day Coming Up!



Wednesday, Oct.7th
All Elementary
Students MUST wear their
Dress Uniforms!



☺ Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser ends NEXT FRIDAY, October 16th. Please get your order forms in by then. Delivery will be on November 2.

☺ We still have space in our afterschool programs. Use the following emails for registration.

www.kidzartMD.com

www.balletroyale.com

www.creativekids@interactstovr.com

www.makingmusik.com/peggydurbin

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“...to nurture and develop the
complete child.”



Our Community

CLAIRE'S GOURMET FUNDRAISER:

The money from this fundraiser will be used to purchase an additional piece of equipment for our playground which is age appropriate for our toddlers, so please get out there and sell (or buy!) some delicious cakes, muffins, cookies, pizzas and more! Children can also earn prizes for top sales!

ORDERS DUE BY October 16th

Mark Your Calendars!

- Wed., Oct. 7 School Picture Day!
 - Sat., Oct. 10 New Family BBQ
 - Wed, Oct. 14 Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser Ends
 - Wed. Oct. 14 Children's House Field Trip: Clark's Elioak Farm
 - **Fri., Oct. 16 NOON DISMISSAL (No aftercare)**
 - Friday, Oct. 23 PTO Barnes & Noble Book Fair: Family Event 6-8pm, Long Gate
 - Oct. 23-25 Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Long Gate
 - Sat, Oct. 24 School Open House & Elementary
 - Monday, Nov. 2 Bring Coolers for Claire's Orders!
 - Thursday, Nov. 5 **NOON DISMISSAL: Afternoon Conferences**
 - Friday, Nov. 6 **SCHOOL CLOSED: Parent-Teachers Conferences**
- *Childcare will only be provided for parents in conferences, during conference times.**
- Nov. 9-13 Share Your Class Week
 - Friday, Nov. 20 Grandparents Day
 - Nov. 25 **NOON DISMISSAL**
 - Nov 26—28 **SCHOOL CLOSED: Thanksgiving**
 - Dec. 18—23 Holiday Programs Week