



September Newsletter 2016

From the Director

Welcome to the new school year at Saint John Catholic Montessori School. We are excited to have you here with us this year! Our new friends have adjusted well with the help of our veteran students.

We are so proud of all the children of SJCMS who work so hard every day and fill our hallways with laughter. Thank you to all our parents for their support and for giving us the opportunity to guide their children.

Lindsey Jones

Q. What is the difference between Montessori and traditional education?

A. At the under-age six level, Montessori emphasizes learning through all five senses, not just through listening, watching, or reading. Children in Montessori classes learn at their own, individual pace and according to their own choice of activities from hundreds of possibilities. They are not required to sit and listen to a teacher talk to them as a group, but are engaged in individual or group activities of their own, with materials that have been introduced to them 1:1 by the teacher who knows what each child is ready to do. Learning is an exciting process of discovery, leading to concentration, motivation, self-discipline, and a love of learning...

Montessori classes place children in three-year-or-more age groups (3-6, 2.5-6, 6-12, and so on), forming communities in which the older children spontaneously share their knowledge with the younger ones. Montessori represents an entirely different approach to education.

<http://www.michaelolaf.net/FAQMontessori.html>

“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.”

Maria Montessori



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 22 First Parent Meeting

FUNDRAISING MADE EASY

Please help the school by shopping with PUBLIX. Pick up your Publix card – no sign up necessary. Give them to family and friends! Publix honors multiple cards from different schools and they can be used in their other locations.



Back to school in August



How fun to see both familiar and new faces for the 2016-2017 school year!!!



Sam works with the Knobbed Cylinders (Sensorial area)



Grady's dad shared a short lesson about the tortoise



Baker works with the Phonetic Object Box.



Henry, Grady and Juliette work on Metal Inserts to learn to grip and guide the pencil

