



October 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Autumn Changes

As we continue through the season of autumn, the classrooms enjoy outdoor recess, and the students notice the change of weather and temperature. Please dress your child accordingly and send in warm clothing for recess and appropriate outdoor footwear. We also request you label all your child's outdoor clothing and footwear to help return any lost or misplaced items.

Inclement Weather Delays and School Cancellation Policy

Sunrise typically follows the Franklin Public School's inclement weather policy. In the event of a delay, closing, or an early dismissal, I will email the parent body directly. This policy is outlined in the Parent Handbook. You may also check the school's website www.MySunriseMontessori.com and Sunrise's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sunrisemontessori for any weather announcements as well.

Restocking your child's clothing cubby box

The teachers typically send a notice home if your child needs any clothing for their cubbies. However, with the changing weather, you may wish to consider sending in an extra sweatshirt, pants, socks, etc... When you send in warmer clothing, the teachers will send home any warm weather clothing in return.

Sunrise Parent Association Meetup in October

Thank you to the parents and children who attended the Parent Assoc. Meetup on October 3rd at Fletcher Field (almost all are pictured here). It was a great opportunity for the children to play together outside of Sunrise! A special thank you to Marissa May for organizing this event.



Thank you for attending our October Curriculum Night

We had a wonderful turn out for our annual Curriculum Night on October 7th. We hope that you found the evening not only informative, but that the teacher presentations provided an additional insight into your child's daily schedule. I particularly enjoyed listening to Ms. Laura's explanation of the Montessori "Three Period Lesson" and Ms. Kristin's History of Maria Montessori!



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Other Upcoming News & Events

Sunrise Food Drive to benefit the Franklin Food Pantry in November

I am excited to announce that Sunrise will participate in our long-standing food drive tradition during the month of November. The school will collect non-perishable food items and other needed items beginning Monday, November 1st and ending Monday, November 29th.

The Franklin Food Pantry is located at 43 West Central St., Franklin. A list of the Food Pantry's current needs and their Amazon wish list may be viewed at:

<https://www.franklinfoodpantry.org/give-help/donate-food/current-needs-list/>

Monetary donations (payable to the Franklin Food Pantry) are also accepted.

Feel free to send along any donations with your child during the morning drop off. Your child may add these items to the baskets in the front room area. As the donations are brought in, students will help sort and count the packages. After the donations are tallied, I will then deliver everything directly to the Franklin Food Pantry on Tuesday, November 30th.

Sunrise Parent Donations – THANK YOU

I am delighted to report that we already received many different donations to our program this past month! Thank you to the families of **Emma LaButti, Aaron Yeruva, and Eva Goedhart** for helping Sunrise purchase the following Giving Tree Items:

- Carpet Sweeper
- Water Cans for each classroom
- Dusting Activity Set for each classroom
- 2 sets of Toast Racks (for our classroom books)

Thank you to **Nikolas Kritikos's family** for purchasing a case of plastic bags. We use so many on a daily basis.

Thank you to **Brady Altieri's family** for our very first donation from the Sunrise Amazon Wish List that was purchased and sent directly to our program. We received 2 large refillable Hand Soaps and a set of Board Books titled *Montessori Number Work, Montessori Shape Work, and Montessori Letter Work*.

Thank you to **Riley Correia's family** for donating a dozen gourds that will be used in both the classrooms throughout the season and for the 40 mini-Pumpkins (one for each student).

Thank you to our former Head of School and Co-Founder, **Karen Roeber**, for her thoughtful gift of tulip bulbs for the students to plant out front and a Smelling Jar Activity set for the classrooms to share. Of course, the box that everything was placed in was made by Karen as well!

Sunrise Small Hands Fundraiser

We just completed the annual Small Hands fundraiser this past month. Thank you to both our parent representatives, Marissa May and Susannah Barry for organizing this fundraiser. The group order generated a \$122 credit through Montessori Services for Sunrise to purchase classroom materials. Thank you to the many families who contributed to this group order!

Sunrise is truly blessed with a dedicated, generous parent body and community members who make our program special and successful!

Upcoming Professional Development Day on November 2nd - Please mark your calendar, our next in-house, staff workday is on November 2nd. There is no school and no extended day program on that day.

Upcoming Veteran's Day, **Thursday, November 11th** - no school/no extended day program

Upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences in December - Conferences will take place at the beginning of December. To hold the parent conferences, please be aware that there is an early dismissal on Thursday, December 2nd at 11:30am, and there is no school on Friday, December 3rd. To help accommodate the families during the parent conferences, childcare will be available in the front room area-Classroom C. At the end of next week, I will send out more conference details along with the Parent Signup Link for both classrooms.

Keeping in touch

If you have any questions or comments, please know that you can reach us via email.



As the teachers are working with the children during the day, please note that a reply to your question may come after the afternoon dismissal or later.

If your message is urgent and you need to reach someone right away, please call the school at 508-541-8010.

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Website and Facebook

Throughout the year the school uses its website and Facebook page to inform parents of current events and to post pictures from recent events. Please take a look at www.MySunriseMontessori.com

Be sure to check out our “**Parent Corner**”. This page can be found on the menu tab of our website. Click on any of the hyperlinks to view the selected form or information page as a PDF.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2: Teacher / Staff Professional Development Day;
no school & no extended care program

November 5: Pizza Day

November 11: Veteran's Day holiday; no school & no extended care program

November 12: Pizza Day

November 19: Pizza Day

November 23: Sharing Day in the classrooms

November 24-26: Thanksgiving Break - no classes and no extended day program

December 2: Early release at 11:30AM; Parent / Teacher conferences in afternoon

December 3: Parent / Teacher Conferences all day; no classes; childcare provided during conference time

*Happy
All Hallows' Eve
Halloween*



Passive Fundraisers are just one of the many ways you can support Sunrise Montessori School!

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Shopping online is not only convenient, but it can provide a benefit to our school. When you shop at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), Amazon will make a donation to Sunrise Montessori School, Inc. on eligible purchases.



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Recycle your printer ink cartridges

Do you have used printer ink cartridges hanging around at home? Don't throw those out – Sunrise has a collection box for printer cartridges. Each month we turn them in at Staples for credit towards office supplies.



Restaurant Dine-In events

Throughout the year our fundraising coordinators will set up local restaurant dine-in events. Enjoy a great meal and the company of family and friends all while supporting local businesses and Sunrise Montessori School.



Grocery Shopping / Giving Bags

Purchase a \$2.50 reusable community bag at any Big Y, Shaw's or Stop & Shop store, follow the directions on the attached Giving Tag and direct a \$1 donation to Sunrise Montessori School (must be completed within 7 days of purchase).



Active Fundraisers

Scholastic Books

Each month parents will receive flyers from Scholastic Books which offer titles for children of all ages. Points from your purchases accumulate for the school which are then redeemed for new books and materials for the classrooms.

The Giving Tree

Check out the newly listed items on the tree, just inside the front door.

Amazon Wish List for Sunrise

Did you know? Sunrise has a Wish List on Amazon. Be sure to check out the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y3mpcpa3> New items are added each month.

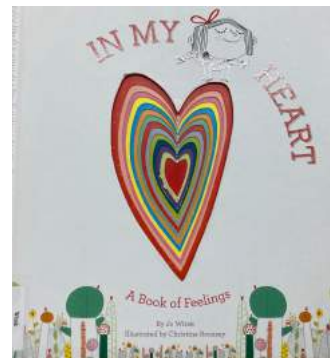
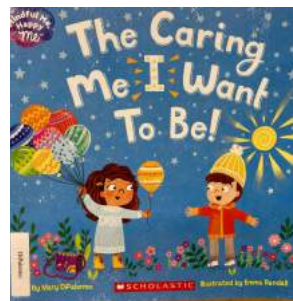


Autumn Leaves and Pumpkins, Please!



Dear Classroom A Families,

It is unbelievable how fast the time is flying by! We have been in school for two months together and it has been wonderful to see everyone getting to know each other more, forming positive relationships and friendships within our classroom. We have continued building on the lessons about **Grace and Courtesy** and our classroom discussed what we want our classroom to look like, sound like, how we want to feel, and how we would like others to feel in the classroom. Children were excited to demonstrate lessons like, “How to push in a chair”, “How to offer someone help” and “How to clean up a work” during group circle time! It was so great to see the children encouraging one another, giving a round of applause after each demonstration.



Our classroom read, *Don't Touch My Hair* by Sharee Miller, *The Caring Me I Want to Be!* by Mary DiPalermo, and *In My Heart: A Book of Feelings* by Jo Witek. We discussed personal space, how you can show you care, and how our hearts can feel. After reading these books, our classroom worked together to create a poster to display in the classroom to help remind ourselves and each other of what classroom A can do to make our classroom a place to do our best learning!





This month in **Science**, our classroom has been busy learning all about trees, leaves and pumpkins! Children enjoyed reading *A Trees for Every Season* by Robin Bernard and learned about the different kinds of trees. We also learned about the resources trees give us, like maple syrup and shade to play in! We learned the parts of a tree and children enjoyed working on the parts of a tree science puzzle.



After learning all about the parts of a tree, our classroom took a closer look at leaves! We learned about why they are such an important part of the tree, and why the leaves change and then fall in autumn.

Finally, as we approached the end of the month and Halloween, our classroom took a look inside a pumpkin and learned all about the different parts! Children helped to clean out the inside of the pumpkin by scooping out and collecting the fibrous strands and seeds...there were so many! After learning about the parts of the pumpkin, our classroom carved it into a Jack-o-Lantern and sang a song while watching the candle burning bright!



In **Geography**, our classroom has been learning about land and water using the sandpaper globe! We learned that the rough brown sandpaper on the globe shows the land and the smooth blue surface on the globe is the water. Children were excited to practice creating different land and water forms by pouring water into models like isthmus and strait.





We have also been learning about how land, air, and water makes up our planet Earth! Children have enjoyed learning about land, air, and water through reading books and sorting pictures. We have also learned about land, air, and water transportation. Children have been working on sorting different modes of transportation like, sail boat, steam engine, helicopter, that go in the air, land or the water!



During **Kindergarten Afternoon** class, Kindergarteners have been working on building sentences with the movable alphabet and handwriting in Language, color mixing, learning primary and secondary colors in Sensorial, counting using a number line in Math, and reading the book *Where do I Live?* by Neil Chesnow, learning about all the ways to describe where we live in Geography. The Kindergarteners have also enjoyed going on a fall scavenger hunt outside our school. There was so much to discover! We read *My Mom Hugs Trees* by Robyn Ringgold and created bark rubbings when we were learning all about trees. It was interesting to see the different textures created! Approaching Halloween, the Kindergarteners enjoyed reading books and learning about bats and spiders. We learned that bats are mammals and are nocturnal! Kindergarteners read a fiction and nonfiction text about spiders and they learned how to distinguish between the two kinds of books.





We look forward to learning about the harvest next month and all the upcoming celebrations including Diwali, Thanksgiving, and a couple of birthday walks!

Just as a reminder, as the weather continues to get colder, please dress your child appropriately for school with coats, hats, gloves/mittens, and snow pants if necessary. If it is not raining or too cold out, we will try and get outside as much as we can during play time!

Thank you!

Sincerely your teachers,

Ms. Laura and Ms. Alka



Classroom B Newsletter October 2021

Hello Classroom B Families!

It's hard to believe it's the end of October. We've had some really beautiful days on the playground! The mornings are slightly chillier, and the leaves are changing color and falling fast!



Grace and Courtesy

Ms. Angela and I continue to remind the children of the rules of our classroom and how we take out our work, use it respectfully, clean it up and place it back on the shelf. Children at this age need constant reminders to help them with so many things! The older children are a big help in reminding the younger friends of the rules of our classroom!

Practical Life

Since this month is all about pumpkins, we have added pumpkin pounding and pumpkin washing to this area of our classroom. The children love to pound the golf tees into the pumpkin and make different designs. In addition, they enjoy our new gourd scrubbing work! This work has many steps and takes a lot of concentration. It's amazing to observe a child complete this work from beginning to end with such satisfaction!



Science

In Science, we learned about the parts of the tree. The roots of the tree are important because they bring water to the tree and hold the tree in its place. Leaves are also an important part of the tree. They consist of the stem, rib and veins. Leaves provide food and air to the tree to keep it healthy. Speaking of leaves, we learned about the life cycle of maple and oak trees. The children enjoyed collecting all the acorns and leaves that have fallen on the playground. We have even put some in our art area to create nature masterpieces!! We also used some of the beautiful leaves to do crayon rubbing! We learned that the types of trees that lose their leaves are called deciduous trees, like the maple and oak tree. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in the fall and bloom again in the spring.

We learned about the parts of the pumpkin and the lifecycle of the pumpkin. We even had a chance to carve a pumpkin and pull out the seeds!

In addition, we focused a little bit on bats and spiders! Some facts the children learned were that bats are mammals, and not birds. Not all bats eat insects. Fruit bats eat fruit. Bats are not blind as they see black and white in the dark. Bats use echolocation to help them find food in the dark.

Spiders are arachnids and do not have a backbone, but they do have an exoskeleton which is a hard shell on the outside of their bodies that can't grow with the spider. This is why spiders molt - to shed their exoskeleton. The Kindergarten children had the opportunity to watch a video of a tarantula molting! The children loved it! (I was a little creeped out by it!) The children also learned that some spiders have 8 eyes but very few arachnids have good eye sight.



Geography

This month we studied North America. North America is the orange continent on the Montessori globe. We are learning that the continent of North America includes many countries and regions. Of course, the larger countries are Canada, the United States and Greenland. However, there is also Mexico, the Caribbean countries and Central America. We are focusing on the US and have learned to identify the flag of our country and animals that are native to the US, including the bald eagle, raccoon, buffalo, moose and beaver. We will continue to learn about North America and the United States as we move into November.

Peace Curriculum

As you know, we have a peace corner in our classroom where our friends go to enjoy being peaceful. We also have a table where one child at a time can practice silence. There is a sand timer which the child can turn over and then practice sitting quietly for 1 minute. You'd be amazed how sitting for even 1 minute can feel like forever! We also practice this at our group time. Maria Montessori referred to this as the silence game. We all sit with our eyes closed and listen to our own thoughts in our minds and the sounds around us. It amazes me that each child is able to sit silently for so long!

To tie the peace curriculum together, every Friday we practice our candle peace walk. This practice is a way for us to end our week together and wish each other a peaceful weekend. We use our battery candle with our special lotus flower candle holder. I play our special candle walk music, we turn out the lights and sit quietly. We sing "Make new Friends, but keep the old" song. I begin by holding the candle and walking slowly around the rug. I gently place the candle in front of a child. Then he/she gently picks up the candle and places it in front of another child. We do this until we have all had a chance to walk around the rug with the candle. We conclude our candle walk by saying together, *"May there be peace before you, behind you, above you, below you, from your heart to your lips, to everyone"*.

We have had a fantastic October and are looking forward to all of the fun things to come in November!

With Peace and Gratitude,
Ms. Kristin and Ms. Angela

