



From the Director

October was all about pumpkins! We studied the parts of a pumpkin and had fun getting messy digging into a pumpkin to look at the seeds.

The Enterprise Fire Department paid us a visit and taught the children all about fire safety. During the lesson we got to see the 75lbs of gear a fireman has to wear to protect him

while fighting fires. The best part came at the end of their visit when we went outside to see their firetruck!

At the end of the month we had a field trip to Aplin Farms we learned how a farm works and picked our own pumpkins and sunflowers! It was a nice crisp morning and the children

were able to see cows, pigs, horses, ducks and bunnies. Fortunately everyone made it out of the corn maze. We can't wait to go back next year!!

Sandra Pellissier

Director



Words from Maria

"The activity of the child has always been looked upon as an expression of his vitality."

Dr. Maria Montessori



Important Dates

November 10:

No School – In Observation of Veterans' Day

November 20-24:

No School – Thanksgiving Break

Storytime with Santa tickets are now on sale! We now have 2 magical nights! Buy your tickets early!

December 1th 5:30 pm

December 8th 5:30 pm





Web site information

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Benefits of Montessori Education

Montessori education offers our children opportunities to develop their potential as they step out into the world as engaged, competent, responsible, and respectful citizens with an understanding and appreciation that learning is for life.

- Each child is valued as a unique individual. Montessori education recognizes that children learn in different ways, and accommodates all learning styles. Students are also free to learn at their own pace, each advancing through the curriculum as he is ready, guided by the teacher and an individualized learning plan.
- Beginning at an early age, Montessori students develop order, coordination, concentration, and independence. Classroom design, materials, and daily routines support the individual's emerging "self-regulation" (ability to educate one's self, and to think about what one is learning), toddlers through adolescents.
- Students are part of a close, caring community. The multi-age classroom—typically spanning 3 years—re-creates a family structure. Older students enjoy stature as mentors and role models; younger children feel supported and gain confidence about the challenges ahead. Teachers model respect, loving kindness, and a belief in peaceful conflict resolution.
- Montessori students enjoy freedom within limits. Working within parameters set by their teachers, students are active participants in deciding what their focus of learning will be. Montessorians understand that internal satisfaction drives the child's curiosity and interest and results in joyous learning that is sustainable over a lifetime.
- Students are supported in becoming active seekers of knowledge. Teachers provide environments where students have the freedom and the tools to pursue answers to their own questions.
- Self-correction and self-assessment are an integral part of the Montessori classroom approach. As they mature, students learn to look critically at their work, and become adept at recognizing, correcting, and learning from their errors.

Given the freedom and support to question, to probe deeply, and to make connections, Montessori students become confident, enthusiastic, self-directed learners. They are able to think critically, work collaboratively, and act boldly—a skill set for the 21st century.