



## September 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The school year is off to a great start, and I am excited to announce both classrooms are at full enrollment! Many of the newly enrolled students were referred by current families – thank you.

### Sunrise Parent Association

As most of you know, we have two Parent Representatives this year. Sara Allegretti from Classroom B and Kathi Shah from Classroom A. Both parents have already done an amazing job helping to build our Sunrise Parent community. They plan to continue the informal meetups at different locations throughout the year to help keep in touch with everyone. Sara and Kathi may be reached via email at [Parentrep@mysunrisemontessori.com](mailto:Parentrep@mysunrisemontessori.com)

- Sara is working on the Small Hands catalog orders – if you need an additional catalog or an order form, please drop by the school to pick one up! If you have any questions regarding the orders, please email either Sara or me.
- Kathi oversees the Scholastic Book orders, and she recently sent flyers home. When families purchase books, the school receives points to order books for the classrooms and the school library. The first Scholastic book order is due by October 16th.

### Open position on the Sunrise Montessori School Board of Directors

Do you have a special talent or expertise in community relations, education, finance, fundraising, human resources, marketing, etc..., in addition to your support for our Montessori programs? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

Sunrise is a non-profit 501c3 organization run by a board of directors who focus on the day to day and overall management of our school. Many of our board members are parents of children who currently attend Sunrise or are parents of alum children. The board typically meets once per month in the evening.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Andrea Rossick at [Headofschool@MySunriseMontessori.com](mailto:Headofschool@MySunriseMontessori.com) or Syed Azhar (BOD President) at: [President@MySunriseMontessori.com](mailto:President@MySunriseMontessori.com)

### Dismissal reminders for both classrooms

Please remember that the posted morning dismissal times (11:45am for classroom A) and (12:15pm for classroom B) indicate the **latest pick up time** for your child.

Morning pick up from classroom A begins at **11:30 and runs through 11:45am**

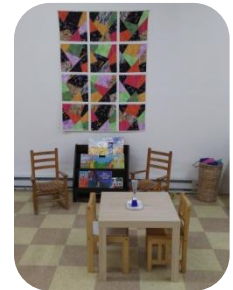
Morning pick up from classroom B begins at **12:00 and runs through 12:15pm**

Extended morning pick up is at **1:00pm**

Full day pick up is at **2:30pm**



our new library area



Extended Day area

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## Other Upcoming News & Events

### Harvest Stroll – Saturday, October 5th from Noon - 5:00pm

Sunrise participates in the Downtown Partnership Harvest Festival, and our school is a proud member of this local organization. The event takes place in the center of Franklin, and many of the local businesses will set up tables and booths. The event is free and open to the public. The rain date is Sunday, October 6th. For further information, see [www.franklindowntownpartnership.org](http://www.franklindowntownpartnership.org)

### Pizza Program – 10 Week Session runs Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>

A notice and order form were sent home at the end of last week. Parents who would like to order pizza for their child's lunch on Thursdays or who wish to extend their child's morning through lunchtime, please check off the appropriate option on the form and send a check or cash before the session starts. Checks should be payable to Sunrise Montessori School. Please indicate on the memo line that the payment is for the pizza program.



### Sunrise Montessori Toddler Time Program – Starts Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

I recently sent out the flyer announcing Sunrise's new **Montessori Toddler Time** program. I am happy to report that we already have 4 students interested (2 from outside of the Sunrise community). I am excited to start this one-morning-per-week class with our new toddlers and their caregivers. Please help spread the word to your friends, colleagues and neighbors who have young children.

### Curriculum Night - Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm

*(A reminder, this event is for parents only)*

Please plan to attend this important informational meeting. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor as well! We will start the meeting in the front room to review any important school business and/or updates. Parents will then move into their child's classroom, where the teachers will briefly speak about the Montessori philosophy, demonstrate lessons, and give presentations on materials throughout the curriculum. This is a great chance to see how some of the materials are used and what your child is experiencing each day at school.

### Classroom Bi-Weeklies – Communication Forms

Ms. Sandhya and Ms. Kristin will soon start the individual communication forms. These will be sent out to each family during the 2nd and 4th weeks of October and November. There will be no communication forms sent in December due to the Parent Conferences on December 5th & 6th. Before the conferences, each family will receive a detailed narrative report and a progress report about their child to review. December 5th is a half day for all students with **dismissal at Noon** – conferences will begin promptly at 12:30pm. On December 6th there is No School/No Extended Day program as conferences are held all day. The communication reports will start back up in January and run until May. These will be sent out once per month.

### Classroom Newsletters

You will also receive a monthly newsletter highlighting the curriculum details of what your child's classroom has worked on and any special presentations that may have occurred. The newsletters may include photos of activities and/or group photos (omitting the children/faces of any children whose photos are not permitted for distribution/marketing purposes).

### Special Thank you to our families:

I wanted to take an opportunity to specially thank several Sunrise parents and children for their recent donations to the classrooms:

Snacks - Piper Manning, Michaela Greenwood,  
Flora and Georgia Gubka

Paper products- Owen Tremper

Oriental floor rug in Library Area - Aanya Galappatty

Bird food supply - Gus Semas

Thank you for reading our newsletter!

Andrea Rossick,  
Head of School

*Warm days and cooler nights .... fall is here!*



### 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.

#### Head of School

Andrea Rossick:

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#### Sunrise Parent Representatives:

Sara Allegretti & Kathi Shah

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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](http://www.MySunriseMontessori.com)

Be sure to check out our “[Digital Backpack](#)”. This page can be found in the pulldown menu of the “Current Events” tab. Click on any of the hyperlinks to view the selected form or information page as a PDF.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Saturday, October 5th** – Harvest Fest in downtown Franklin. Stop by the Sunrise booth for crafts, information or to say hello.
- **Wednesday, October 9th** – Professional Development Day - No School or Extended Day programs. This is when teachers work in their classrooms on curriculum development, meet as a team and do necessary cleaning.
- **Monday, October 14th** – Columbus Day holiday - No School or Extended Day programs.
- **Wednesday, October 16th** – Scholastic book orders due
- **Thursday, October 17th** – Curriculum Night. Parent-only presentation. Bring a friend or two!
- **Wednesday, October 23rd** – Picture Day. Photos taken by Vicario Studios - our next door business neighbor in the complex.
- **Thursday, October 31st** – Halloween Children may choose to wear a modified friendly costume to school (important details will be sent in a separate email before Halloween on appropriate/safe costumes ideas). Of course, the classrooms will be scrubbing pumpkins and gourds in the practical life area, push-pinning jack-o-lanterns, reading seasonal books, etc...



Dear Parents,

Classroom A has been buzzing with the energy, inquisitiveness and enthusiasm of your children. They were the missing link to our carefully prepared environment!

This month for us has been all about getting to know the rules and the expectations in the classroom. The children have been busy learning about putting their work away, recognizing their cubbies, following the routine, rolling and unrolling their work mats, serving themselves snacks and cleaning up after themselves ... just to name a few.

In our classroom we believe that children can work independently if the environment is prepared for them to facilitate this process. Therefore, this month we are teaching our children how to hang their coats on the hangers and how to fix their coat sleeves. They are also practicing pouring and scooping to help those fine motor skills. Our practical life shelves also mirror the same philosophy. The children are learning to open and close a thermos, pack lunch boxes, close a Ziplock bag to gain more independence. The snack is mostly being prepared by the children. They have been taking turns to do the important job of preparing the classroom snack. In these pictures they are peeling, slicing cucumbers for the whole group. The other day they made their own butter sandwiches using a cookie cutter. These are invaluable for developing those fine motor skills.

I am so thankful to Syed (President, Sunrise) for installing a pulley in my classroom. The children seem to be enjoying the little surprises that they find in the bucket every day. This also helps them develop Gross Motor skills and hand coordination. I am hoping to integrate the pulley into my curriculum throughout the year.



***Peeling and chopping cucumber***

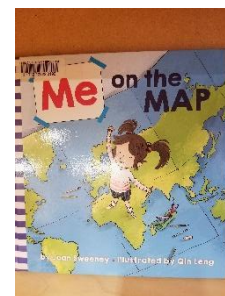


***Hanging coat on a hanger***



***Thermos opening/closing***

In our geography, the focus is on helping them understand who and where they are in the big scheme of this world. We will keep exploring this idea for a few months. We started by identifying the 4 directions of the Earth using a compass...our classroom as well is marked with N, S, E and W. They are learning the concept of mapping by using simple games.



In the science curriculum, they are learning about living and nonliving. They will also start learning about the concept of Land, Water and Air in the upcoming week. Very soon we will start learning about the trees as well.

Our younger children have been practicing writing with water on chalkboards and the older children have been name tracing and using moveable alphabet box to learn short vowel sounds. Our returning children seem to be picking up where they left off in the Math Curriculum and the new friends are exploring Sensorial shelves to make a solid foundation for future Math activities.

The children have been enjoying doing yoga with Ms. Alka and we had a wonderful music class with Ms. Mary Jo. Our music class is twice a month on Thursdays.



Classroom A loves birds and we have finally started spotting some birds on our window bird feeder. We have been luring them with some mealworms and children have been tearing some good quality bread in the Practical life to feed them to the birds. Just last week, they took their time pinching tiny pieces from the corners left from the bread they used to make their sandwiches.

We are loving to get to know your beautiful children. We are so thankful for the opportunity to work with them. Looking forward to a very fun and inspiring school year!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Sandhya



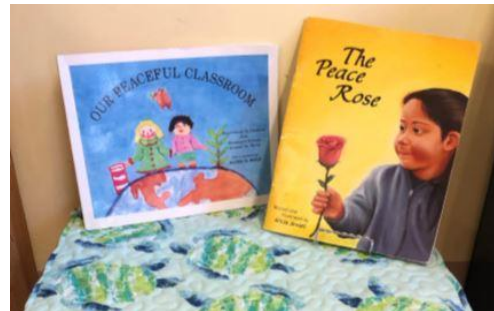
## September newsletter Classroom B

Hello Classroom B families!

We have had a great month so far! Your children are starting to settle in to the routine of the day. They are finding their cubbies, hanging up their backpack, taking out their blue folders and putting on their slippers. Some of our older friends have been such a big help to our littles, it's so wonderful to see!

Our new friends are learning how to sit quietly at group time, raise their hand when they want to say something and keep their bodies still and calm. The children have been making new friends already and are choosing their own work. During the work cycle, we are helping the new children to carry their work carefully, use it respectfully and clean it up when they are finished.

To help learn the rules of the classroom we read two very special books. "The Peace Rose" story helps us understand that when we have a disagreement with a friend, we can use the peace rose to take turns talking and working things out. We also read a book called, "Our Peaceful Classroom" which is written specifically about a Montessori school!



As the months go by, we continue to review all the ground rules in our classroom, how to be a good friend to others and show all living things respect. We reinforce these concepts throughout the school year so that the children know that we are a community of friends!



We have also been learning about the different types of apples, the parts of the apple and the apple life cycle. In addition, we will begin to learn about trees (parts of, types of).

To end the month of September, we had an apple tasting at group time! We compared the tastes of a red delicious apple and a

granny smith apple. Most of the children liked both and only a few didn't care for the red delicious apple! For snack, we tried dipping our apples in yogurt and most of our friends thought it tasted delicious!

Just as a side note, please remember to send in your blue folder in your child's backpack. This is where I will be putting important information. Also, you may clean out this folder at the end of the day so that the paperwork doesn't get built up!

Thank you!  
Ms. Kristin

Music with Ms. Mary Jo

