



October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Sunrise Community,

Autumn weather has arrived, and the days are brisk and cool! Please dress your child accordingly for recess times with appropriate outdoor footwear and a warm jacket each morning. Hats and mittens also will keep the children warm. Additionally, it is best to label all your child's outdoor items as students are learning about their personal belongings.

Show them their name label in their jacket, hat, etc.... so they can easily recognize what items belong to them. Thank you!



Thank you for attending our October Curriculum Night

It was nice to see so many of the families at our annual Curriculum Night on October 3rd. We hope that you found the evening both informative and educational. For more information on the Montessori Method and curriculum, please check out the Sunrise table in the front room of our school. There are various forms, brochures, parent books, and magazines that may help answer any other questions you may have. Please feel free to take any of the items at your convenience. The school also has some resource books in our school library that you are welcome to borrow.

Scheduled observation days

Beginning in November, Sunrise will invite current parents and parents interested in 2025-2026 enrollment for their child to observe the classrooms via the observation windows on the classroom doors. Please contact the office via phone or email if you would like to schedule a date/time.

Student Absence and Illness Reminder

Please remember to contact the office either via email or by phone in the event that your child will be absent for any reason. Additionally, please alert the school if your child has a contagious illness. Sunrise strives to keep our families and staff informed of any contagious illness to stop the further spreading within the program. We appreciate your diligence in this matter.

Thinking Ahead Regarding 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.

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Other Upcoming News & Events

Professional Development Day on November 1st

Our next in-house staff workday is on Friday, November 1st. There is no school and no extended day program on that day.

Sunrise Student Picture Day with [Vicario Studios](#) – Tuesday, November 5th for all students



As mentioned in last month's newsletter, our classrooms will have picture day on November 5th in the morning. For the past 15 years, Sunrise has had both individual and classroom group portraits done by Mr. Paul Vicario. Paul's studio is located right next to our school in the Moseley Complex and the students often greet Mr. Vicario from the playground.

You may choose to have your child sit for an individual photo, and an order form envelope from the studio will be sent home ahead of time for you to place your order. Additionally, all students are part of the classroom group photo even if you are not ordering an individual and/or a group photo. Order forms were placed inside your child's backpack last week. If you need an additional form, please let me know. Forms and payment must be sent in on or before November 5th (earlier is preferable).

On the morning of the photos (around 9am), the students walk over to the studio (one classroom at a time) with their teachers until their photos are completed. It is important that your child be on time for school at 8:30am. This takes about 30-40 minutes per classroom. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me.

The **Franklin Area Childcare Fair** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 6** from 6:00pm to 7:45 pm at the Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St, Franklin. This event is sponsored by the [Franklin Area Moms](#) and Sunrise will staff a table. Please help spread the word if you know someone who is looking for 2025-2026 enrollment or who would like more information on Montessori education.

Upcoming Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11

No school/no extended day program. Thank you to all who have served in the military for our country.

Upcoming Thanksgiving Break

Please mark your calendars for the Thanksgiving Break. Sunrise will be closed from November 27th – 29th. School resumes on Monday, December 2nd.

Sunrise Food Drive to benefit the Franklin Food Pantry begins at the end of November

I am happy to announce that Sunrise will participate in our long-standing food drive tradition beginning on [December 2nd and running through December 16th](#). During this time period, the school will collect non-perishable food items and other needed items for our local pantry. All items must be new and unwrapped, please. 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. I will then deliver everything directly to the Franklin Food Pantry on [Tuesday, December 17th](#).

The Franklin Food Pantry is located at 341 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/get-involved/pantry-needs/>

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

Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, December 5th and Friday, December 6th

Parent Conferences will take place in the afternoon on December 5th and all day on December 6th. To hold the parent conferences, please be aware that there is an early dismissal on December 5th at 11:30am for all students (all students are to be picked up before lunch), and there is no school on Friday, December 6th.

To help accommodate the families during their parent conference time block, childcare will be available in the front room area in Classroom C at no charge during your scheduled conference time slot.

In mid-November, I will provide a separate email with conference details along with the Parent Conference Signup Links for both classrooms. Sunrise highly recommends all families sign up for a parent conference as this is an important time to meet at the school with your child's teachers. Student progress reports (hardcopies) will be sent home in advance.



Admissions Open House – January 25, 2025

11am to 1pm

Mark your calendars! The Admissions Open House is a great way for families to learn about our programs and the Montessori Approach to Early Childhood Education. Help to spread the word – tell your friends & colleagues.

Current families who refer a new family whose child enrolls for the upcoming 2025 – 2026 school year receive a referral credit.
See the Parent Handbook for details.



Sunrise Family Donations – THANK YOU

This past month the following donations were from Sunrise’s Amazon Wish List. Thank you to Elle Hix’s family and Luciano Lapriore’s family for purchasing the following books for our classrooms:

- Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival
- If You Find a Leaf
- Leaf Man
- Tree – A Peek Through Board Book
- One Leaf, Two Leaves, Count with Me
- They All Saw a Cat



THANK YOU to Board of Directors members and alum students!

Mike Gubka (husband of Jacquelyn Gubka) and their teenage boys – both are alums of Sunrise (Teddy and Pete), Mark Letourneau, Sue Roecker and husband (Gary Plante) for unpacking and assembling new lunch tables and chairs for both classrooms earlier this month. The tables look fantastic, and the students and teachers love the sleek design.

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.

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 1: Professional Development Day – no classes, no extended day
- November 5: Picture Day
- November 6: Franklin Childcare Fair
- November 11: Veteran’s Day – no classes, no extended day
- November 27 through 29: Thanksgiving Break



- December 2 through 16: Food Drive to benefit Franklin Food Pantry
- December 5: Afternoon Parent/Teacher conferences; Early dismissal at 11:30am for all children
- December 6: All day Parent/Teacher conferences

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

Box Tops for Education

For over 20 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn cash for their school, with products they already buy. You have seen and clipped those rectangular box tops. Now you can simply scan your store receipt with the Box Tops mobile app to identify participating products and instantly add cash to the school's earnings online. Go to www.boxtops4education.com to learn more.



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).



Price Chopper / Market32

Register your AdvantEdge card to benefit Sunrise Montessori School. Our school will earn points for educational products through the Tools for Schools program. Visit: <https://rewards.pricechopper.com/tools-for-schools/signup> to register. Be sure to select Sunrise Montessori School.

Mabels Labels

This on-going fundraiser provides great ideas for labeling your child's items. Check out: <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com/> and click on the school's name.

For Small Hands

Montessori items and activities for your child. Use the school code #130331 and Sunrise will receive a credit towards future material purchases through Montessori Services. For online orders, please visit <https://www.for-smallhands.com/scp/130331>

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.

Amazon Wish List for Sunrise

Did you know? Sunrise has a Wish List on Amazon. Be sure to check out the following link: [Sunrise-Amazon-Wishlist](#) New items are added each month.

Thank you for supporting Sunrise Montessori School!



October 2024 Extended Day Newsletter

October has been a busy month! Our extended day students participated in various teacher led activities and projects, as well as enjoyed free play and exploration of the materials. As you may know, children are encouraged to participate in all planned activities and crafts each week and we hope that your children are as excited about them as we are!

In **Science**, we explored how vinegar and baking soda interact with each other with the “Dancing Popcorn” experiment and a “Jack-O-Lantern Volcano”. They learned that when vinegar and baking soda are combined, they create a gas called carbon dioxide that bubbles up and erupts. With the dancing popcorn experiment the bubbles attached to the kernels and caused them to rise and fall. With the jack-o-lantern volcano, we added dish soap which makes the reaction bubblier and slows down the reaction time. What a blast!

In **Art**, this month we created seasonal and holiday themed crafts (some projects are pictured below).

Ms. Jessica and Ms. Amanda



Dancing Popcorn Experiment



Making “Ghosts”



Leaf Rubbing

The morning and afternoon Extended Day Programs offer a safe, fun and welcoming environment where children are offered age-appropriate activities which promote learning opportunities and social interaction with staff and classmates. This program is held in the front classroom of the school and on the playground.

Dear Classroom A families,

Happy Fall everyone! Over the first two months together it has been wonderful to see the children getting to know each other more and forming positive relationships and friendships within our classroom.

Practical Life:

This month in Practical Life the children are enjoying our flower arranging work. The child begins by cutting the stem shorter for the flower to fit in the vase; then he/she fills the vase with water and adds their flowers. Once the flower assembly is finished the child will choose a spot for the vase in the environment. This work involves a lot of hand to eye coordination and independent decision making.



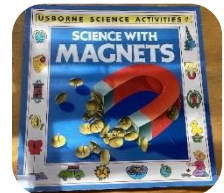
Math: This month in Math the children are continuing to work on numbers. One favorite work the children gravitate to is the number basket. First a child will line up the number cards 1-10, take the objects out of the basket and categorize each object. For example, the child will count all the yellow frogs; once he/she knows how many yellow frogs there are, he/she will place the yellow frogs underneath the number 9 card. This work reinforces the concepts of sorting and counting.

Science:

This month in Science, the children have been learning about pumpkins, specifically about the parts of a pumpkin. As a class, we conducted a science experiment - creating Pumpkin Slime. The children learned that glue has molecules that slide together as a liquid. The baking soda and the saline solution gets mixed into the glue which then creates a rubbery slime. Then the pumpkin seeds were added to the slime. The children have fun pulling out the pumpkin seeds as they work on their pincer grip.



This month the class also learned about magnetism. They discovered that some objects are magnetic while others are not magnetic. By sorting objects according to whether these are magnetic or nonmagnetic, the children further develop coordination skills, support critical thinking and have fun!

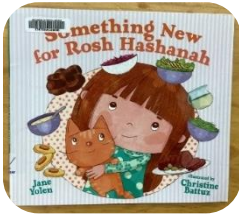


Geography:

This month in Geography the children are learning about our seven continents. We introduced a song to help the children to remember the seven continents. We also talked about North America the most because that is the continent we live in.

Cultural Studies:


This month the children learned about Rosh Hashanah which was observed between October 2nd through 4th. Rosh Hashanah is a celebration of the Jewish New Year.



The children also learned about Yom Kippur starting on October 11th, which celebrates the day of atonement in Judaism. Thank you to Andy Brown, a local community member and a friend of a classroom B family.



Andy Brown visited Sunrise to show the children a shofar. The shofar is blown during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to remind observers to reflect on their lives as they welcome in the New Year.

The children also learned about Halloween which is celebrated on October 31st.  On Halloween many children dress up in costumes and walk around their neighborhood to collect candy. At school the children had the opportunity to go outside to the playground and find one pumpkin to take home.



And it is a busy month of holidays! Diwali also began on October 31st. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights, symbolizing the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". The class will explore this holiday further as Diwali extends into November.

Kindergarten Corner

During the afternoon kindergarten, the children have been learning about Hibernation. They discovered that animals hibernate to survive the cold and dark winters without having to forage for food or migrate to warmer places. In the month of October animals start to collect food to bring back to their resting place for winter. The children heard about animals that hibernate and animals that don't hibernate. The children were able to look at the diagram to help them label the animals that hibernate and those that don't hibernate.



The Kindergarteners got to bring home pumpkin slime for fun Friday.

A friendly reminder, as the weather continues to get colder, please dress your child appropriately for school with coats, hats, gloves/mittens. Please send in long pants and long sleeve shirts for your child's extra clothes bin.

Sincerely, your child's teachers,

Ms. Samantha, Ms. Emily, and Ms. Karen



Classroom B Newsletter October 2024

Dear Classroom B Parents,

The month of October was quite exciting! We embraced the beautiful fall season and continued our journey of learning, discovery, and growth. Here are some great things that happened in our environment this month.

Exploring Autumn in Nature ~ The children engaged in a variety of nature-based activities observing the changing leaves, cooler weather, and other signs of autumn. We went on nature walks and collected leaves, acorns, and other natural materials to explore through sensory activities. These experiences help our children to connect with the natural world and deepen their curiosity about the outside environment.



Grace and Courtesy ~ We continue to practice grace and courtesy, which are key components of our Montessori environment and philosophy. This month, we are focusing on important social skills such as sharing, using kind words, hands are for helping NEVER hurting and showing respect for others. Reinforcing these lessons at home will help your child develop positive interactions both in and out of the classroom environment.

In the Everyday Living Area ~ We are introducing new lessons that focus on independence and responsibility. These include lessons on pouring, scooping, sweeping, pounding, and twisting. These lessons help the children develop fine motor skills, concentration, and a sense of accomplishment.



Sensorial Area ~ The children were given a group lesson on the “Color Tablets.” These tablets are an essential tool for developing visual discrimination and color recognition. This activity helps children learn to identify, match, and grade colors, fostering both cognitive and sensory development. They love working with the tablets, which improve their ability to perceive subtle differences in shades and develop a refined sense of order. This lesson also encourages concentration, independence, and fine motor skills as the children carefully manipulate and arrange the tablets.

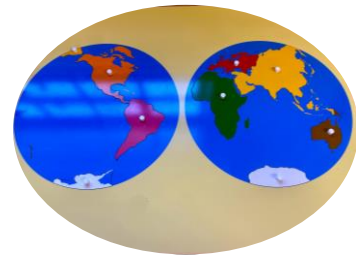


Botany ~ Pumpkin Exploration This month, we had several lessons on “The Life Cycle of a Pumpkin.” We also made a sensory bin in which we call “Pumpkin Exploration Bin” where children can observe the size, texture, and weight of pumpkins. Later this month the children will get the chance to scoop out seeds from a pumpkin, practice counting them, and learn more about the pumpkin life cycle.



Math Area ~ In the Math area the children are working on pumpkin counting. The children practice their counting skills in a way that is tactile and engaging. These lessons strengthen their understanding of numbers, quantity, and sequencing. Pumpkin counting not only helps develop early math skills but also supports fine motor coordination as the children carefully handle the materials. It's a perfect seasonal activity that ties into both practical life and mathematical concepts!

In the **Geography Area**, we are diving into exciting geography study of the continents with a special focus on North America. We are learning about North America's diverse countries, landmarks, and natural wonders. This exploration encourages children's curiosity about the world and helps them develop a foundational understanding of geography. We look forward to expanding our study to other continents in the coming months!



In the Afternoon Kindergarten Area ~ Our kindergarten students are beginning their journey with basic addition, using hands-on materials a lesson on the “The resource box of beads” was given to help them visualize combining quantities. Through this lesson of counting beads, they are gaining confidence in simple addition concepts, laying a strong foundation for future math skills.



In kindergarten, we also took an exciting nature walk where the children collected leaves, pinecones, sticks and small stones. Back in the environment we classified these items by type, color, and size, reinforcing observation skills and introducing basic concepts of classification and sorting. This activity connects math and science with the beauty of the natural world, sparking curiosity and discovery!

A special **thank you** to this month's guest reader Karen Roeber (Sunrise's former Head of School and co-founder). Mrs. Roeber read a story and did an activity with all the children. They had a blast!



Our class read stories and learned about these special holidays and traditions:

- ~Rosh Hashanah
- ~Yom Kippur
- ~Indigenous Peoples' Day
- ~Navratri
- ~Sukkot
- ~Halloween

A special **thank you** to Lindsay Fiorito, Jacob's mother, and to Natalija Ulemek, Isabella's mother for coming into our environment and reading stories to the children regarding the season and their special traditions.

Parent Tips ~ At home, please continue to foster independence by giving your child simple responsibilities, such as setting the table, organizing toys, or helping prepare meals. These tasks reinforce the Everyday Living skills that we practice in our environment and help your child to feel capable, empowered, and independent.



Happiest birthdays to our **October Friends!**
Arinas, Amber, Jacob, Noelle, Reid, and Leia!
We wish you a year full of special wishes!

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of Responsibility and the wings of Independence."

Maria Montessori

Love, Learn, and Grow,
Ms. Anselmo, Ms. Marianne, & Ms. Jessica