

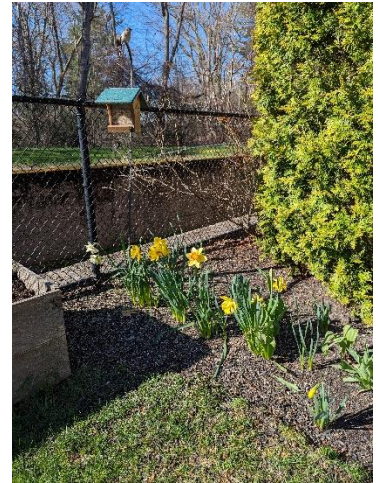


April 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Spring is a time for new growth and life! Our program is full of continued growth and new developments.

“Growth is not merely a harmonious increase in size but a transformation.” Maria Montessori



Outdoor Recess Sun Protection and Insect Repellent

As the weather gets dryer and warmer, the sun will peek through the trees more during the outside recess. We want to avoid sunburn on sensitive skin. Therefore, please consider applying sunscreen to your child before bringing them to school. If your child has a sun hat or baseball cap that he/she likes to wear, this will also help with the sun on cloudless days. The flying insects and bugs have already returned to our playground, so consider applying bug spray at home as well. As full-day students may require an additional application, consider sending in sunscreen and/or insect repellent labeled with your child's name (along with the signed consent form that is available on our website in the Parent Corner tab). Please note that the school does not provide sunscreen/bug repellent/lotion. Due to safety reasons, children should wear sneakers or other closed-toe footwear on the playground. Sandals, crocks, open-foot shoes, etc... do not provide foot support for running and climbing. We want to ensure that your children's feet are always protected from woodchips and other objects during play.

Summer Program Registration Reminder

Just a friendly reminder, if you plan to register your child for one or more weeks of the summer program option, please complete the registration form which is available on the Parent Corner of our school's website or by request from the office. Sessions are limited to 20 students per week.

Thank you to the many families who have already signed up for the program. Ms. Samantha, Ms. Jessica, and Ms. Judy have many fun projects and activities planned for each of the themed weeks. Additionally, we have Sensation Station visits, a performance from Storyteller Diane Edgecomb, and a visit from Rainforest Reptiles arranged throughout the four weeks!



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Other Upcoming News & Events

Mother's Day Tea Event Tuesday, May 7th at 9 am

Classrooms A and B have a very special Mother's Day Tea scheduled to honor the Sunrise Mothers (or a special guest) in the classrooms. Both classrooms are scheduled for the same date & time.

Sunrise Mothers, if you are unable to attend, you may wish to ask a grandmother, aunt, or any special guest in your place. We request that only one person per student attend the Mother's Day Tea Event (except for families with two children enrolled). This is a time for you or a special guest to join your child as they serve you tea and a special snack. For specific questions about either of the events, please contact either Ms. Laura or Ms. Anselmo!

Fathers (or a special guest), please plan ahead for **Tuesday, June 4th at 8:30 am** for your special event - "Donuts with Daddy"!

Family Fun Spring Fair May 18th from Noon to 2 pm (rain or shine)

The Spring Fair event is one of the main fundraising events for our program. All Sunrise families (including current, alum, and future enrolled students have been invited). Thank you to the families who have made donations (both items and monetary) already!

We hope to see you all at the Spring Fair (rain or shine). A Spring Fair Flyer highlighting the details of the raffle baskets, price for raffle tickets and more will be shared next week!

Also, ticket sales at the fair are cash or check only. You may purchase tickets in advance *if you want to get a head start on writing your name/phone number on the raffle tickets* or simply don't want to stand in line the day of the fair.

Please reach out to me or Susannah or Marissa at <mailto:parentrep@mysunrisemontessori.com> for any donation questions.

The classrooms are planning two great projects that will be part of the Raffle items. Classroom A students are making a painting titled "Beautiful Sunrise" and Classroom B students are creating a framed picture titled "Sunrise Loving Hands". These projects are going to be beautiful!

Don't forget our Sunrise Apparel and Sunrise Tote Bags will be available to purchase at the fair. If you are interested in having something "Sunrise" to wear at the Spring Fair, please stop in and check out the table at the front entrance any school day.

- **Adult Hoodies**
- **Winter Beanie Hats**
- **Sunrise Tote Bags**
- **Adult and Child Tee-shirts**
- **Baseball Caps**



Storyteller Diane Performance May 21st in the morning

The classrooms are scheduled to watch a performance from Storyteller Diane. Diane visits our program twice a year and she does a phenomenal job performing for our students (her second visit will be during Week 2 of our Summer program. We are so excited about this!

With special thanks

Thank you to the families of Parker Heineke for purchasing bird seed and 3 Famous Artist series wish list books; Elle Hix for purchasing bird seed, Purell cleaner/sanitizer and a new thermal thermometer; and Elaine Liu for the tabletop crumb sweepers.

The delicious donuts from Arha Vallabhaneni and her family were a nice treat for the staff.

Congratulations to the Liu family on the birth of their son



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

May 7: “Mother’s Day Tea” in both classrooms

May 18: Annual Spring Fair from Noon to 2PM. Rain or shine!

May 21: Storyteller Diane visits

May 27: Memorial Day holiday. No classes, no Extended Day

June 4: “Donuts with Daddy” for both classrooms

June 6: Last day of classes; early release (11:30am) after the End of Year Ceremony

June 17: Week 1 of the Summer Session begins

Pizza Days for full day students: May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Sensation Station (please arrive to school on time – the children walk to this program promptly at 8:55am)

May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 **Classroom A**

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 **Classroom B**



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).



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 #573412 and Sunrise will receive a credit towards future material purchases through Montessori Services. For online orders, please visit forsmallhands.com or the eCatalog: forsmallhands.com/flip. You may also order via phone at (888) 513-3998.

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 listed items on the tree, just inside the school's 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: [Sunrise-Amazon-Wishlist](#). New items are added each month.

Thank you for supporting Sunrise Montessori School!

Please join us for our

Family Fun Spring Fair



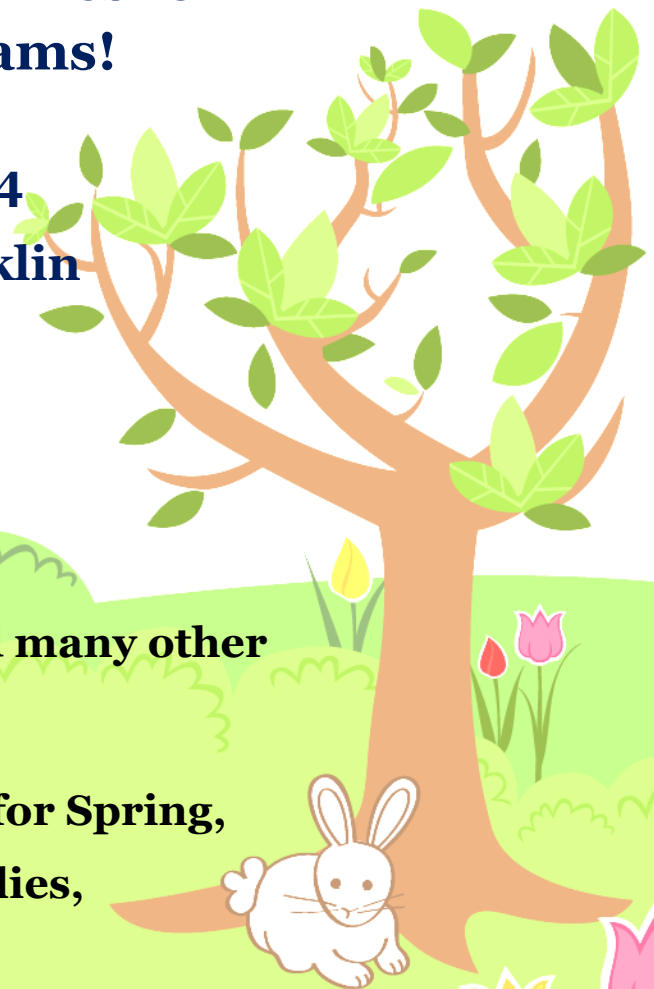
We are celebrating our 19th year in Franklin and want to thank our current, alum and new families for their support of our programs!

When: Saturday May 18, 2024

Where: 31 Hayward St., Franklin

Rain or shine

Time: 12:00-2:00 pm



Raffle baskets, bounce house and many other games and activities for families.

Stop by to pick up a potted plant for Spring, socialize with other Sunrise families, enjoy pizza and other treats.

There is no charge for the activities, games, food or plants, but donations are appreciated.

Thank you for your generous support!

Dear Classroom A families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful vacation week! It was great to hear the children share about their vacations, spending time outside, visiting with families, traveling, and starting spring sports! Our class is excited to go outside to enjoy the beautiful spring weather. The children look forward to working in the **Practical Life** area with the new spring works on the shelves. We discussed how spring is a celebration of new life, baby animals being born, more sunlight, and plants sprouting from the Earth.



The children excitedly talk about the beautiful daffodils coming up and remember planting the bulbs in the ground back in the fall! As we continue into the spring season, we will learn about the parts of a seed, gardening, and the parts of a flower.

This month in **Science**, we have continued the rocks and minerals unit! Each day at the circle, we read a page from the *Rocks and Fossils* book. We are learning what the difference is between rocks and minerals, how fossils are created and much more! The children are also working on living vs. nonliving object sorting and learning what makes something living is if it moves on its own, breathes, eats, and grows! We also observed how the pea seeds are begging to grow when we give them the things that they need; water, sunlight, and nutrients!



In the **Geography/Cultural** area, we learned about Earth Day on April 22nd, 2024. We read *Earth Day*, by Emma Carlson Berne and talked about all the different ways we can help take care of our planet to keep the air, water, and land that we have clean. We discovered how we can recycle using the bin in our classroom and how doing this keeps our Earth clean. The children enjoyed learning a song about caring for our Earth as well!

We also continued our continent study of South America. The children are learning the names of the countries, the animals, and we even had a group lesson and listened to popular South American instruments!



In **Kindergarten Class** we are moving right along, working on many variations and extensions of lessons that were given throughout the year. We focus on handwriting skills, reading and **Math**. Luca was recently introduced to a wonderful **Grace and Courtesy** lesson. We had a nice discussion on... What is grace and courtesy? Luca then picked his favorite grace and courtesy cards and wrote out each one that he thought was special and represented what he has learned and how he can make an impact not only in his own life, but also in the lives of others by simply being **KIND** and **RESPECTFUL**.

Thank you so much to **Mrs. Roeber** (our former Head of School) for reading to our classroom and supplying a beautiful butterfly craft for us to make! We loved the story *I Wish I Were a Butterfly* by James Howe and the butterfly songs you taught us! We love singing the songs as the weather begins to finally feel like spring!



We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Margareta who celebrated her birthday this month!

Thank you to all the families for your flexibility and understanding with the conference schedule. It has been wonderful to hear what the children share with their families about school and to share with you their progress and hard work!

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Sincerely your teachers,

Ms. Laura, Ms. Samantha, and Ms. Karen





Classroom B Newsletter April 2024

Hello Classroom B Parents,

We welcome April showers with many beautiful flowers. The children are enjoying this new Spring season. We welcomed a special guest again this month. Mrs. Karen Roeber came in to teach the children how to plant seeds and make their own pea plant along with some fun projects. They enjoyed these lessons. The children took pride each day in being responsible for their own pea plant and showed much excitement with the growth. This was a wonderful lesson! A special thank you to our co-founder of the school Karen, who continues to be a big part of our environment. We are so very appreciative and blessed by her dedication to Sunrise!



In **Cultural Studies** the children continue to explore the **Continents**. The children are learning that a continent is a large solid area of land and that Earth has seven continents. In order from largest to smallest are Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, and Australia.

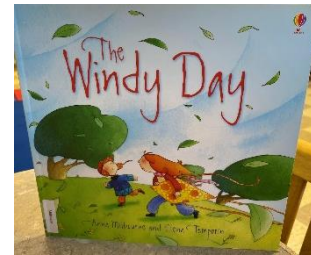


This month we are focusing our attention on **North America**. The children are learning that they live in a small part of North America. Each day we discuss our country, state, and town or city that we each live in. The children are making a fine connection to these places and love to tell one another where they live in this great big world. Knowledge is power!

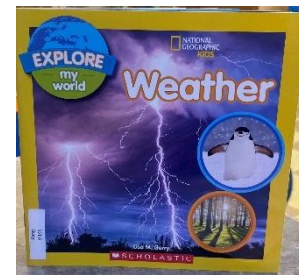
In **Zoology** the children discovered many different insects, bugs and butterflies. They are learning that whether these insects crawl, fly, squirm, or slither, “bugs” get the job done. We incorporated this unit study along with our planting study this month. The children learned that insects maintain healthy soil, recycle nutrients, pollinate flowers and crops, and control pests.



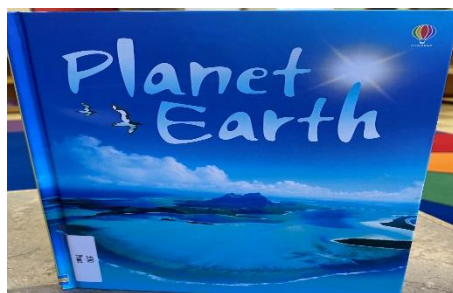
In the **Science** area the children are learning about the weather. Our class had many discussions about the many different types of clouds. They learned about the five primary different types of weather that can occur: sunny, rainy, windy, stormy, and cloudy. It was interesting to discover that many of these types of weather can overlap and occur at the same time (especially in New England).



There are many types of weather that are influenced by sunshine, precipitation, wind, and humidity. The children enjoyed reading stories about some destructive storms like tornadoes, hurricanes, and other storms. They learned how to take shelter and were introduced to a survival jacket that is worn to stay safe during these storms.



Earth Day.... The children learned how we all can make a difference by simply reducing, reusing and recycling. We continue to discuss the things we use each day and how we all can make an impact on our planet Earth. We incorporated an art project and made these fabulous "Earth Hats". We enjoyed many stories about planet Earth and took a nature walk to see the beauty that is outside and all around us.



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It has been a very busy month. As we come to the last few weeks of school, we wanted to say thank you all for choosing Sunrise Montessori School for your children. It is a beautiful environment to learn, grow and love. We appreciate all of your support and love!



April Birthdays

Happy birthday to Nolan and Elaine. We wish you an exciting year ahead 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 & grow!
Ms. Anselmo, Ms. Emily and Ms. Jessica