



May 2022 Newsletter

Dear Sunrise Community,

The end of the year is fast approaching (next week)! The classrooms have been busy preparing for our final two events of the school year – Father's (or male guest) Visiting Days and The End of the Year Closing Ceremony.

Father's Visiting Days

Thursday, June 2nd and Friday, June 3rd are visiting days for both Classroom A and Classroom B. We are so excited to meet with the guests who have scheduled their visits through the links. Here are the links again for your reference and review. If dad is unable to attend, a special male guest (grandfather, uncle, family friend... is welcome)

<http://tinyurl.com/Guest-Classroom-A>

<http://tinyurl.com/Guest-Classroom-B>

Both classrooms have been working on a special gift for their fathers. Classroom A created beautiful clay pinch pots and Classroom B decorated picture frames. We hope you enjoy their efforts!

End of the Year Ceremony & Early Dismissal on Thursday, June 9th

In the event of rain, the ceremonies will be held inside the classrooms. A final decision will be made the day before if the weather will be questionable.

Details for the day of the ceremony are as follows:

- ❖ Please drop your child off at the regular time for school (**between 8:25am and 8:45am**).
- ❖ Arrive back at the school no later than 10am and be sure to park in a lined spot (not along the circle). Additional parking is available in the top lot.
- ❖ Go directly to the Courtyard area (this is located in the center of the Moseley Complex - just look up for the flagpole). There is a grass area in the center where families will sit.
- ❖ Who should attend - Only 2 adults please and siblings, of course. Due to space, we don't have enough room for extended family. Thank you for your understanding.
- ❖ What you should bring - a folding chair to sit on or a blanket, if you prefer.
- ❖ Please note that the school is not renting chairs for this event. The students will sit in their own classroom groups throughout the ceremony.
- ❖ Classroom A will be on the left and Classroom B will be on the right for the entire ceremony. It is a sunny area; be prepared, please. **Sunblock or a hat on your child is essential.**

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- ❖ Teachers and students will arrive in the courtyard at approximately 10:15am to begin the ceremony. The ceremony will last about 30-45minutes.
- ❖ There will be ample opportunity for that perfect photo as your child walks to his/her teachers to receive their certificate.
- ❖ Directly after the ceremony, you may wish to bring your chairs/blankets back to your vehicle and then proceed to the school to say farewell and collect any of your child's items. Bring along a sturdy bag to hold cubby items, slippers, blankets, papers, any sunscreen, medications, etc.....
- ❖ The students will head back into the school with their classroom teachers as a group, and they will be dismissed from their classrooms. Please keep goodbyes brief (as hard as this will be).
- ❖ Dismissal is 11:30am and you should walk with your child to your car instead of the usual car-line dismissal. Please take care when walking through the parking lot with your child - hold their hand and be aware of any moving vehicles.
- ❖ Please note - there is no afternoon extended day - all children are dismissed at 11:30am and the 2021-2022 school year concludes. Thank you for a wonderful school year!

If you have any questions about the ceremony, please let me know – thank you.

Other Upcoming News & Events

Spring Fair Event

The Spring Fair was a great success. Thank you to our two parent representatives, Marissa and Susannah for organizing our Raffle Basket themes. Thank you to Sue for keeping track of the items as they came in and thank you to Lisa Mier, for helping put the Raffle Baskets together with Sue. Each of these ladies played a big part in this event. However, this event could not have been possible without the monetary donations and the raffle basket item donations given by our Sunrise community - current, former, and future enrolled families, staff members, and board members – a huge THANK YOU to all the donors. The fair itself generated just over \$1,600 dollars! All proceeds will go directly towards classroom improvements.

Please visit the Spring Fair photo link below as some moments were captured by our parent reps, Sue or me. We hope you enjoyed the day! <https://tinyurl.com/Spring-Fair-Fun>

Visit from Storyteller, Diane Edgecomb

Both classrooms enjoyed the performance from Storyteller Diane. Diane did a phenomenal job (as always) performing for our school. Her performance consisted of three tales:

- Snow White and Rose Red • The Tailor • The Monkey and the Shark



Important Tuition Contract Reminder for Returning Students for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year

Thank you to the families who already sent back their child's tuition contract for next year. If you have not sent back your signed tuition contract or if you need an additional copy, please contact either Sue or me and we would be happy to get you another copy. Signed tuition contracts are due back by the end of June as the invoicing for the new school year begins mid-July.

Summer Program Reminder

Our summer program option is still available to current and newly enrolled families (ages 3-6). We are excited to announce that we have another fun visit scheduled with Storyteller Diane for our Ocean Adventure week (week 1). We also have exciting things planned for weeks 2,3 and 4. Ms. Laura will send out group participant updates describing the details of each of the weekly themes! She, Ms. Samantha, and Ms. Jessica are so excited for the upcoming summer weeks.

Head Teacher Search for Classroom B

The Personnel Committee continues its search for a Montessori Head Teacher for the 2022 - 2023 school year. We are pleased to announce that our intern, Ms. Emily Hill, will continue at Sunrise for the upcoming school year as she completes her Practicum and her Early Childhood Education degree. Staffing updates will be provided as changes occur. It has been a wonderful experience leading the Classroom B Teaching Team and working with the students!

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

Thursday, June 2 and Friday, June 3: Father's Day classroom visits in morning.

Thursday, June 9: Last day of school; Closing ceremony; Early release.

Monday, June 20: Week 1 of our Summer Program

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

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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 items on the tree, just inside the front door. Also listed through the school's website.

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/Sunrise-Amazon-wishlist> New items are added each month.



Classroom A Newsletter May 2022

Dear Classroom A Families,

It was wonderful getting to see all the guests who came to visit the classroom for the Mother's Day event! The children worked so hard to help make the lotion bars and wrap the gifts to give on the day of the visit!

We have had a busy month of May with storyteller Diane Edgecomb coming to share stories with us as well! The children enjoyed the three stories she told and the animation and voices she used to tell each story. The children also had the opportunity to participate and help tell the stories as well! We have had a month filled with lots of learning and lots of fun as we approach the end of the school year!



This month in **Science**, we have been learning about the parts of a seed! The children helped to complete the 3-part matching cards during group circle time and enjoyed conducting a germination experiment! For this experiment, we used pinto beans, plastic bags, paper towels and water. Each child selected a few beans to put into the baggie, and worked hard to spray the paper towel with water. We learned that seeds need water

and sunlight and soil to grow! In just a few days, we began to see the seeds germinate in the plastic baggies and it was time to transfer to soil! Each child helped to scoop soil into the empty egg carton, plant the bean seed, and then water! Look how they've grown!



This month, we also began our study of insects! We started by learning the life cycle of the butterfly and the children are enjoying the "search and find" butterfly life-cycle work, where they need to find the matching picture of each stage around the classroom. We also learned about the parts of an insect! The children used the diagram of the ant to learn the parts; head, antenna, compound eye, thorax, leg, and abdomen. We learned a song to the tune of "head shoulders, knees and toes" to help us remember the parts as well! The children have also been learning the names of other various types of insects using the matching card game.



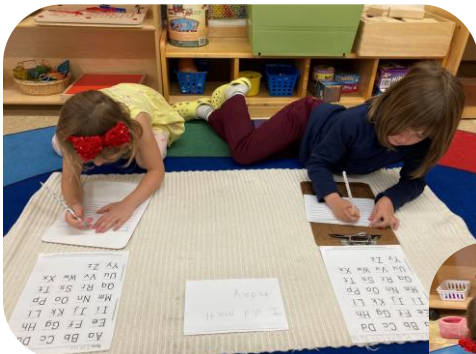
In the **Geography** area, we continue to learn about the continent of Australia and the children enjoyed helping to match the 3-part cards during the group lesson. The class had a great time learning to make a popular after-school treat in Australia called Fairy Bread!

Together, we each spread margarine onto a slice of white bread, and added hundreds and thousands of rainbow sprinkles on top of the bread and margarine – and that's it – Fairy Bread!



The class enjoyed the food tasting and everyone tried it! It has been great learning about the continent of Australia and learning both the similarities and differences of our cultures and the people of Australia!

During Kindergarten Afternoon, the K's continued to work on the writing and illustrations for the end of the year ceremony! The Kindergarteners learned about writing tall, small, and basement letters on the line. We also learned about the life cycle and parts of a strawberry plant! The Kindergarteners enjoyed creating their own strawberries and making pinch pots out of air dry clay as art projects!



We'd like to say Happy Birthday to Kelby, who celebrated a birthday this month!

We loved seeing everyone at the Spring Fair! Thank you to all the families who were able to attend and for all of the generous contributions! We look forward to seeing visitors this Thursday, June 2nd and Friday, June 3rd for the Father's Day visit!

Also, If you have not brought in a tin can for planting yet, please bring it in before Wednesday, June 8th!

Thank you!!

Sincerely, your teachers,

Ms. Laura, Ms. Alka, and Ms. Samantha



Classroom B Newsletter May 2022

Hello Classroom B Families!

May brought such fun for our classroom. We enjoyed many great activities both indoors and outside.



Botany – Flowers

We began our study of flowers in April, and we concluded with our Mother's Day flowerpot gifts. The children enjoyed painting clay pots for their mothers, and of course we had to plant some beautiful wavy petunias in them. Ground eggshells (from the eggshell grinding work in the practical life area) were used as the natural fertilizer for the flowers.



Zoology – Insects

Insects and flowers seem to go hand in hand during the month of May. We began our study of insects shortly after we wrapped up our unit on flowers. First, we learned the characteristics of an insect. Insects have a three-part body (head, thorax, and an abdomen), have three pairs of legs, a pair of antennae, and eyes. To help us remember these characteristics, we learned a special insect song (sung to the tune of "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes") and it is sung like this...

Head, Thorax, Abdomen, Abdomen...

Head, Thorax, Abdomen, Abdomen.

Two large Eyes, Two Antenna and Six Legs.

Head, Thorax, Abdomen, Abdomen!

We kicked off our first lesson on Insects outdoors!



Ms. Emily's Caterpillar Art Project

Ms. Emily's project was a huge hit in the classroom and she did an excellent job reading Eric Carle's book titled, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* as her introduction to the project. She then set up the activity in the art area for the children to work on throughout the week.



Once we learned the characteristics of an insect, we discovered what was not an insect. Ms. Emily helped introduce this activity as well. She created a sorting activity for the children to practice identifying each insect and the non-insects. We found out that scorpions, spiders, centipedes

and millipedes are not insects as they do not have the same characteristics of insects.



Ms. Angela created a beautiful butterfly matching activity that tied in wonderfully with our study!



Insect Life Cycles

We also explored the life cycle of the ladybug (ladybird), the butterfly, the honeybee, and the praying mantis. The metamorphosis of the ladybug, honeybee, and the butterfly begins with the following stages: egg, the larva (caterpillar), the pupa (chrysalis), and the adult.

The praying mantis has three life stages: the egg, nymph, and the adult. We learned that praying mantises are cannibals and during the nymph and adult stages they feed off each other.





The study of insects was so fun and many of the students participated in the various projects and the extension work of insects. We enjoyed the additional life cycle coloring sheets, 3-part matching work, and of course practicing and exploring with the life cycle models.

Our school librarian, Ms. Sue, helps provide our classroom with all the necessary books that go along with our various unit studies.

Visit from Storyteller, Diane Edgecomb

Our class loved Storyteller, Diane's visit this month. She performed three stories for the class.



The first was "Snow White and Rose Red Fairytale", the second was "The Tailor" and her final tale was "Monkey and Shark". After her performance, some of the children were running along the fence waving and calling out "Goodbye, Storyteller". It was priceless!

End of the Morning Group Fun with Ms. Jessica



Afternoon Closing Group with Ms. Angela - Mystery Number and Mystery Sound



History – Memorial Day

Our class learned a bit about the significance of the Memorial Day holiday. We learned that Memorial Day is celebrated in the United States of America to honor all the military men and women who have served for our country. At this age level, we focused on the typical highlights of the holiday – parades, family gatherings, and our American flag. We read that the American flag will be flown at half-mast to honor the military veterans. One student even commented that her brother is a boy scout, and that he will be in a parade!

Here are a few of the activities that went along with our Memorial Day discussion...



Geography – World Continent Puzzle Map

Some the students have been working throughout the year on push pin continent maps, and it is quite a process and tedious to do. They are so proud once they complete their maps!



Thank you for reading our newsletter – **Ms. Andrea, Ms. Angela, Ms. Jessica, & Ms. Emily**