



## March 2026 Newsletter

Dear Sunrise Community,

Happy Spring! Finally, the snow has melted! The hyacinths, daffodils, and tulips are just beginning to sprout in front of our school. The children have been noticing the signs of spring. Many birds visit our school, and we like watching cardinals, sparrows, and black-capped chickadees at the feeders. Yay Spring!



### 20th Anniversary Gala Event and Sunrise's 20th Anniversary Walkway Brick Fundraiser

Our event was amazing! Thank you to the families who attended and helped make our evening memorable. Paul Vicario of Vicario Studios (next door to the school) took many photos of current and alum families, along with our board and staff members. If you missed the link, please check it out:

[Sunrise 20th Anniversary Gala 2026 - Google Drive.](#)

The evening marked the start of the Brick Fundraiser. This is another opportunity to help support our 20th anniversary celebration and create memories that will last for years. Please consider purchasing an engraved brick for our new walkway which will be installed in August 2026. Please also share this information with other community members who might want to purchase a Sunrise brick to support our program. Funds raised from the brick fundraiser will go toward the walkway, playground maintenance, (such as mulch and sand) and other program expenses.

The Sunrise Brick Fundraiser information and order forms may be found here: [Brick Fundraiser](#)  
If you have questions about the fundraiser, please ask either Stephanie Rogers (Henry's mom) or me!

4x8 : \$150	8x8 : \$250	Paver w/Sunrise Logo or Montessori themed language chosen by school : \$100
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### American Montessori Society Annual Event



What an amazing trip the head teachers and I had this month! It was a privilege to travel to Washington, D.C., for this amazing Montessori event. We attended many professional development workshops, collaborated with other Montessorians, and we enjoyed visiting some of our country's historical buildings and landmarks in the evenings.

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***Celebrating 20 years of Montessori preschool and kindergarten programs in Franklin!***

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## American Montessori Society Annual Event *(continued from page 1)*

This trip was made possible by our generous families and community members. Last year, the Sunrise Community raised just over \$3,000 during our annual Spring Fair in May. Sunrise relies on fundraising events and donations to cover the cost of many of our educators' professional development workshops. Professional development donations may be made via [Venmo | Sunrise Montessori School Inc.](#) or by check, made payable to Sunrise Montessori School Inc. (add "Professional Development" in the memo line). We are grateful to our Sunrise Community and the generosity we continue to receive.

## Other News & Events

### April 30th and May 1st Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Up Links

Spring is our second and final portion of the Parent-Teacher conferences. Please follow the link below to sign up and meet with your child's classroom teachers:

[Classroom A Parent Conference Link Spring 2026](#)

[Classroom B Parent Conference Link Spring 2026](#)

For your convenience, Sunrise provides childcare during your scheduled parent conference. Childcare is held in Classroom C (the front room). If you plan to bring your child, please arrive a few minutes early so they can settle in and help ensure the conference runs smoothly.

A reminder: on **Thursday, April 30th**, there is **early dismissal** for all students at 11:30 am (conferences in the afternoon), and on **Friday, May 1st**, there is no school (conferences all day).

### Save the date! Sunrise Spring Fair Event on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Noon - 2 pm

Spring is here, and it's time to start planning for our Annual Spring Fair, scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, (held rain or shine) from 12 to 2 pm at the school. For families who attended last year's event, it will be very similar. Raffle baskets and ticket sales will be set up in the school's front room, along with free pizza, cookies, and water (while supplies last). A bounce house will be available near the playground, along with games for children to enjoy. The Spring Fair is an important fundraising event for our program, and all proceeds will go toward our teachers' professional development fund.

We have chosen themes for the raffle baskets and are seeking donations for two baskets (see page 3). This year, some families have already donated entire baskets (also listed on page 3). If you are interested in donating a basket (or have an idea), or would like to make a monetary donation for the fair to help cover the fair costs (bouncy house and pizza are the main expenses), you can do so via cash, check, or [Venmo | Sunrise Montessori School Inc.](#)

Please join us for our

## Family Fun Spring Fair

We are celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year in Franklin and want to thank our current, alum and new families for their support of our programs!

When: Saturday May 16, 2026

Where: 31 Hayward St., Franklin

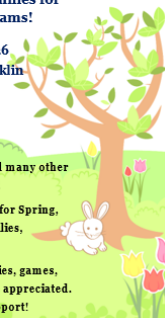
Rain or shine

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!



This year's raffle baskets (some geared towards children and other baskets designed for adults) currently include the following:

- 2 Classroom-made projects
- 3 Summer Program raffles (half, full, & extended day options for enrolled students)
- Children's Art Basket (family donated)
- Hasbro Game Basket (family donated)
- Playdough Basket (family donated)
- Dinosaur Basket (family donated)
- 2 Children's Fleece Blanket and Pillow sets (teacher donated)
- Lucky Lottery Basket – **NEED Lottery Scratch Ticket Donations (MA and RI) of any value**
- Adult Beverage & Snack Basket **NEED donations of snacks, beer, wine, mugs, glasses, corkscrew, bottle opener, cooler, gift certificates to any brewery/distillery, etc...**

Mark your calendars now and plan to invite the whole family. The event is also open to community members. Rain or Shine! Please share our event information with people you know and/or with any businesses that may consider donating to this event.

### **Summer Program Information and Registration**

Last month's newsletter provided information about the Summer Program options. We already have students enrolled! Details and registration forms are available on the table as you walk through our front door, or you can download the registration form directly from our website.

Click here for more details: [Summer 2026](#)

### **Donation Acknowledgements**

Thank you to **Akshaj Patel's** family for their Teeter Totter donation. The children will love using it on the playground! Thank you to Ms. Judy for her expertise in assembly.

Thank you to **Reid Letourneau's** family for their donation of two large boxes of playdough for all our classrooms.

Thank you to the family of alum student **Katerina Oleynik** for purchasing the following items from our Amazon Wishlist: Rainbow Ball Activity, Wooden Math Game, and Solar System Model Board.

### **Passive Fundraising for April 2026**

Our school is the designated nonprofit recipient each time someone purchases a reusable Community Bag in April at the Stop and Shop, located at 40 Franklin Village Drive, Franklin. For each \$2.50 reusable bag purchased, the school will receive \$1.00!

In 2025 our school received a \$194.00 donation.


Thank you to Stop & Shop for this opportunity and thank you to the community for your support!



## Community Connection

If you aren't already part of the Sunrise Parent Facebook page, please visit the link to join. This is a great way to connect only with the Classroom A and B parent community. Please help share your childcare resources, as this has been a recent request on the page. We want to stay connected and help support our families! Thank you, parents. [Sunrise Parent Community 2025-2026](#)

## 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](http://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

**Pizza Fridays:** Session 3 begins - April 3 & 10 (no pizza on 17 & 24 due to the PDD & Vacation Week)

**Sensation Station:** Classroom A attends on Thursdays; Classroom B attends on Wednesdays

**Thursday, April 16:** Scholastic group orders are due.

**Friday, April 17:** Professional Development Day. No school, no extended day. This is an in-house work day for our staff.

**Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24:** Spring vacation week. No school, no extended day. Enjoy the time with your family.

**Thursday, April 30:** Early release for all students at 11:30am. Parent/Teacher conferences in the afternoon.

**Friday, May 1:** Parent/Teacher conferences all day. No school, no extended day.

**Thursday, May 7:** Visit Day for Sunrise's mothers (or female guest)

**Saturday, May 16:** Spring Fair

**Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day holiday. No school, no extended day.

**Thursday, June 4:** Visit Day for Sunrise's fathers (or male guest)

**Thursday, June 11:** Early release for all students at 11:30am. Last day of school. Closing ceremony.  
*(Note – due to the number of snow days taken this year, the last day of classes has been shifted to June 11).*



## Classroom A Newsletter March 2026

Dear Classroom A families,

Happy Spring! We are excited about the warm weather after a very cold winter. Spring is just around the corner. Please continue to send your child to school with boots as the playground gets muddy during this time of year, especially after a rain. We go outside whenever possible! Your child should also have an extra pair of socks in their cubby in case their feet get wet.



This month, Ms. Emily, Ms. Andrea, and I had the honor of attending the American Montessori Society (AMS) conference in Washington, D.C.

One session I particularly enjoyed was "Enhancing Phonics and Language Skills Through the Power of Music" by Frank Leto. He demonstrated how music can be a powerful tool for helping children learn and understand new vocabulary words. I look forward to incorporating these techniques into our classroom.

### Cultural Studies

This month we continued learning about Ramadan which began on the evening of February 17<sup>th</sup> and it concluded on March 19<sup>th</sup> at sundown. Many people who observe Ramadan fast from sunrise to sunset.



We learned about St. Patrick's Day on March 17<sup>th</sup>. St. Patrick's Day is also known as St. Patrick's feast day. Originally celebrated with a religious feast, St. Patrick's Day is also a celebration of Irish culture.

We discussed the Hindu festival of Holi which started at sundown on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and ended at sundown on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Holi is a holiday celebrated as the festival of colors, love, equity, and spring.



The Spring Equinox is a special moment during the year when day and night are almost exactly equal in length all around the world. The Spring Equinox marks the official start of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, and this year it occurred on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The children are already noticing that the amount of daylight is increasing. Our class will learn how daylight helps plants grow.



### Science



This month, we introduced a water table in the sensory bin to kick off our study of Sink and Float in our science area. The children absolutely love working with the water table. They considered the density of different objects by observing whether these objects float or sink in water.

The children are currently learning about hypotheses and how to make educated guesses. To practice this concept, we conduct a science experiment to determine whether objects float or sink. First, the children complete a worksheet to guess the outcome for various objects. They then perform the experiment and record the actual results on a test paper. Finally, they compare their initial hypotheses with their findings to see what they discovered.

The Float and Sink activity helps children to observe, compare, gather data and evaluate. The activity also develops hand to eye coordination, concentration and independence.

### **Geography**

This month in Geography, the children are learning about Asia. As the largest continent, Asia offers much to explore, and the children are particularly enjoying the three-part matching work featuring items and landmarks found throughout Asia. We are also focusing on two specific locations within the continent: Hong Kong and Taiwan.



### **Kindergarten Corner**

This month, the Kindergarten students created a book about Taiwan. During this project, they learned about the design of the Taiwanese flag and discovered that Taipei 101 is the tallest tower in that country. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to explore the culture and landmarks of Taiwan.



A big thank you to Shannon Rojee (Mckenna's mom) and Karen Roeber (former Head of School) for coming in to be our guest visitors this month.



If you or someone special in your child's life would like to sign up to be a guest visitor, please sign up via the following link:

[Guest Visitor Sign Up Classroom A](#)

Throughout the school year, our classroom honors birthdays. Please schedule your child's birthday celebration now via the following link: [Birthday Walk Sign Up Classroom A](#)



Happy Birthday to Aubrey and Akshaj in March!

Flower arranging is an excellent way for the children to make the environment their own as it is a part of the **Everyday Living** curriculum. We invite you to sign up for a week during which your child may bring in a bouquet of your choice!

Please sign up here:

[Flower Sign-up 2025-2026](#)



Sincerely, your teachers,

Ms. Samantha, Ms. Marieliam, Ms. Karen and Ms. Sarah



## Classroom B Newsletter March 2026

Dear classroom B families,

Happy Spring! The children are enjoying this beautiful weather. As we transition into springtime, the playground tends to become very muddy and wet. Please continue to send boots, snow gear, and extra clothes (especially pants and socks), as the children may get wet while playing outside. We love to play outside!

### AMS Event



This month, the head teachers and Ms. Andrea attended the American Montessori Society conference in Washington, D.C. At this conference, we took many classes to help improve our Montessori skills. Ms. Samantha and I took a class with Frank Leto, a children's musician whose songs we often play in our

classrooms. In this class, we learned about some new Frank Leto songs to introduce phonics. We had a great time and appreciated this experience!

### Cultural Studies

Our classroom learned about the Hindu festival of Holi. The festival started at sundown on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and ended at sundown on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Holi is a holiday celebrated as the festival of colors, love, equity, and spring.



In March, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day in the classroom with some themed activities. On March 17<sup>th</sup> many people honor the life of St. Patrick, who was the Patron Saint of Ireland. Many cities celebrate with large parades. Some families may celebrate by eating corned beef and cabbage. This is a popular celebration of Irish culture.

Eid al-Fitr is celebrated at the end of Ramadan. Ramadan is a Muslim holiday, and those who observe the holiday may participate in a month of fasting. Eid al-Fitr is a celebration of joy, a time to feast together and give to those in need.

### Everyday Living

As a part of our food prep curriculum, we are doing orange-squeezing, and the children use a juicer to make their own orange juice. After washing their hands, they bring the tray to a table with half of one orange on it. They place the orange half on top of the juicer, then squeeze and turn the orange to release the juice. Once they have finished juicing, they pour the juice into a small cup. After cleaning up, they may choose to drink the juice themselves or offer it to a friend.



This activity builds independence, hand strength, concentration, and coordination as it involves pressing, rotation, and pouring.



## Math

Karen Roeber (former Sunrise Head of School) introduced the children to a fun, leprechaun math activity. The children worked in pairs to make a leprechaun by rolling a die. Each piece of the leprechaun had a number corresponding to the die. The children counted the number they rolled and found the part of the leprechaun with the same number.

## Science

We started learning about different weather patterns and discovered that some weather patterns occur more often in specific seasons, such as snowfall in winter. We also discussed the appropriate clothing for different types of weather.

## Geography

Our class is beginning to study prehistoric and extinct animals, such as dinosaurs, as well as animals which were alive during the ice age. We learned that some animals that lived long ago have completely disappeared from the earth.

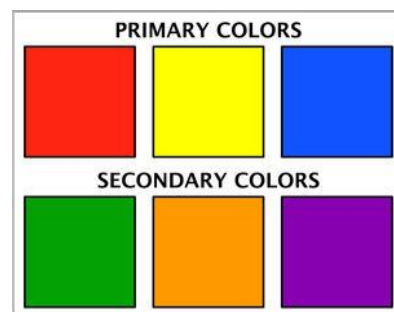
## Music

Estelle's dad, Josh Cohen, joined our class and played the saxophone! The children enjoyed hearing familiar tunes. They requested the songs they wanted to hear on the saxophone. Josh even showed them how the saxophone works, including the need for a reed in the mouthpiece and how to clean the keys when these stick. Thank you for sharing!



## Kindergarten Corner

Color mixing was our main focus in March. We learned there are three primary colors: red, blue, and yellow. We used red, blue, and yellow water to make new colors. We also learned that green, orange, and purple are secondary colors made using primary colors. The boys enjoyed this color-mixing activity and made a variety of different shades of each color.



## Classroom Sign-up links:

If you would like to visit the classroom to read a story, teach the children about a special holiday or family tradition, or plan an activity for the class (or anything else), please sign up to be a guest visitor. We love it when the children's family members visit our class!

Thank you, Karen Roeber, Luciano's mom, Anna Lapriore, and Estelles's dad, Josh Cohen, for being guest visitors this month!

[Guest visitor sign-up: classroom B](#)



As a part of our Everyday Living curriculum, the children often enjoy flower arranging. Thank you, Colin, Deniz, and Elaine for providing flowers this month! If you would like to sign-up to bring in a bouquet, please click on the link below.

[Flower Bouquet sign up: Classroom B](#)

## Birthdays!

If you would like to celebrate your child's special day, please click on the link and sign up for a birthday walk. As a reminder, we love to share pictures and a special story for your child's birthday walk (treats and student gifts are appropriate for home celebrations). [Classroom B birthday walk sign-up](#)



Thank you for reading our newsletter!

Ms. Emily, Ms. Marianne, Ms. Jessica, and Ms. Judy



## March 2026 Extended Day Newsletter

Happy Spring!

This month, we focused on the alphabet for **arts and crafts** by exploring a letter each day. Some examples included letter books, construction paper crafts, and coloring or dot painting pages. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a themed sensory bin and shamrocks on the felt board.

In **science**, we conducted rainbow-themed experiments. The first was called the Rainbow Skittles Experiment. We arranged Skittles on a shallow plate in a colorful pattern, then poured warm water in the center. Immediately, the candy's colors began flowing into the middle, creating a vibrant rainbow. This happens because of dissolving and diffusion. Dissolving is when a solid, such as sugar or salt, completely dissolves into a liquid. Diffusion is the process by which substances spread to fill a space. In this experiment, the colors from the Skittles did not fully blend because each Skittle contains the same amount of sugar, keeping the colors separate. The second experiment was called Exploding Rainbow. We further explored the chemical reaction that occurs when vinegar and baking soda are mixed. This time, we added food coloring. We poured colored vinegar into small black pots arranged in an arc, then added baking soda one at a time and watched each pot bubble up and "explode."

### Ms. Jessica & Ms. Amanda



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.