



April 2025 Newsletter

Dear Sunrise Community,



Spring is in the air finally! Thank you to our school's co-founder, Karen Roeber, for coming in as a guest reader for our classrooms this month! We learned about daffodils and recited a wonderful poem.

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

Mother's Day Event Tuesday, May 6th at 9 am

Classrooms A and B have a very special Mother's Day event scheduled to honor the Sunrise Mothers (or a special guest) in the classrooms. Both classrooms are scheduled at the same time. Please note that the upper parking lot is leased to the company across the street and is marked by reserved signs. When possible, please park in the main lot or in the lots surrounding the other complex buildings. Thank you for understanding.



Sunrise Mothers, if you are unable to attend, you may wish to consider asking 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 cold tea and a special snack.

For specific questions about either of the events, please contact the Classroom head teachers!

Father's Day Event Thursday, June 5th at 8:30 am

Fathers (or a special guest), please plan ahead for Thursday, June 5th at 8:30 am on the playground for your special event “Donuts with Daddy”!



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Other Upcoming News & Events

Sunrise Spring Fair Event on Saturday May 17th Noon to 2pm

Please join us for our

Family Fun Spring Fair

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

When: Saturday May 17, 2025
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!



Mark your calendar for our Annual Spring Fair, which will be held on Saturday, May 17th from 12-2 pm at the school.

For those families who attended last year's event, it will be very similar. Raffle baskets and ticket sales will be inside the school in the front room along with free pizza, cookies, and water (while supplies last). A bounce house will be set up near the playground and games will be set up on the playground for the children. Various perennial plants will also be available (one to a family, please).

The Spring Fair is an important fundraising event for our program. Proceeds from the event will go towards teachers' professional development events.

Monetary donations can be made via cash, check, or through Venmo. No credit cards.

To donate through Venmo, please visit <https://venmo.com/u/Sunrise02038>

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

The classrooms are planning two great projects that will be part of the raffle items. Classroom A students are decorating a beautiful wooden bench with student's handprints titled "Helping Hands" and Classroom B students are creating a framed picture titled "Fingerprints of Sunrise". These projects are going to be amazing!

We hope to see you all at the Spring Fair. Also, ticket sales at the fair are cash, check, and Venmo only (no credit cards). You may purchase tickets in advance. A Spring Fair flyer highlighting the details on the raffle baskets will be shared soon!

For any fair questions, please reach out to me or our parent representatives at SMSParentRep@gmail.com

Please feel free to share our Venmo donation link with others.

[Venmo | Sunrise Montessori School Inc.](#)

Thank you to the many current students and families, staff, and Sunrise board members who have generously donated to the Spring Fair:

Isabella Bessette, Arinas Bouagal, Colin Cugini, Parker Heineke, Emily Hill, Addie & Isla Keough, Mehr Khettry, Luciano Lapriore, Reid Letourneau, Elaine Liu, Karen McLaughlin, Karen & Paul Roeber, Sue Roecker, Cooper Rojee, Chris & Andrea Rossick and Miles Springer.

Think Ahead about Sunrise's Summer Program

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. Thank you to the many families that have already signed up for the program. Ms. Samantha, Ms. Jessica, and Ms. Marianne have many fun projects and activities planned for each of the themed weeks. Additionally, we have Sensation Station visits and a visit from Ms. Katie from Sprouting Tree Yoga arranged throughout the four weeks! Forms are available in the office, please let us know if you would like to register.

Week 1 **Space Week** Week 2 **Farm Week** Week 3 **STEM Week** Week 4 **Yoga & Movement**

Scholastic Book Club



Send in your book order today. The upcoming deadline is May 10, 2025.

[Scholastic orders.](#)

Outdoor Recess Sun Protection and Insect Repellent

The weather in New England can sometimes be unpredictable – sometimes cooler with rain but as we move into April, it can get unseasonably warm at times. Once warmer temperatures move in, 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. Once the small gnats and other bugs return to our playground, 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 and children may not share these items – only the teachers will apply these items to children.

Footwear: 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.

Thank you for the recent donations from the school's Amazon wishlist:

- Miles Springer's family for the 3-in-1 Sorting Game
- Anonymous donor - the Tower Trouble balancing activity & Let's Play an Instrument book

Congratulations – new babies in the Sunrise community

Congratulations both the Dev family and the Paquette family.

They welcomed baby boys in April.



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 1: Early release day at 11:30am for parent conferences in the afternoon.

May 2: Parent conferences all day; no classes; childcare provided during conference time.

May 6: Mother's Day Tea

May 16: Tuition contracts for the 2025-2026 academic year are due from all new and returning students.

May 17: Annual Spring Fair from Noon to 2pm. Rain or shine!

May 26: Memorial Day. No school, no extended day program.

June 5: Father's Day – Donuts with Daddy

June 10: Last day of school. Early release. Closing ceremony and recognition of students.

Pizza dates for full day students: May 9, 16, 23, 30; June 6

June 23: Week 1 of the Summer Program

July 7: Week 2 of the Summer Program

July 14: Week 3 of the Summer Program

July 21: Week 4 of the Summer Program



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 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



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.forsmallhands.com/scp/130331>

Scholastic Books

Periodically parents will receive flyers and/or email notifications 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. It's easy to shop for books! Click on the school's link <https://orders.scholastic.com/KNYN8> Note that we aren't separating out orders by classroom; therefore, your child's teacher will be simply listed as Sunrise Montessori. Click on the Get Started button at the top of the webpage and either sign in or create an account. If you connect to Scholastic through our class page, you will see **Welcome to Sunrise Montessori's Classroom Book Club**. Once the school's order is submitted, books arrive at the school in about 10 days. We will sort the orders and hand them to parents in a sealed bag (in case it's a gift for your child).

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!



Classroom A Newsletter April 2025

Dear Classroom A families,

We hope everyone enjoyed the April vacation! The school year is quickly flying by! It tends to get very busy at this time of year, so be on the lookout for special event announcements.

We have had a very rainy and muddy Spring so far! Please continue to send your child with rain boots as the playground gets muddy this time of year. An extra pair of socks for your child's cubby also comes in handy. We love to go outside whenever possible and enjoy the nice weather.

Science

In science we have been discussing Earth Day. Earth Day was celebrated on Tuesday, April 22nd. We learned that we should appreciate the Earth and the environment every day. The children learned about the concepts of reduce, reuse, and recycle and what items are able to be recycled, reused and what we should reduce. We learned we need to keep our planet clean to have a healthy environment. We have also been collecting recyclable materials for crafting. The children enjoy turning one person's trash into treasure!



Peace Education

In April we learned about Passover. Passover is celebrated from April 12th- April 20th and during this Jewish holiday, people remember their ancestors who left slavery as they were led out of Egypt. Passover is celebrated by participating in many rituals including eating special foods. Easter was also celebrated in April this year and is a major holiday in Christianity. Many children also shared their traditions of participating in Easter egg hunts with their families!

Sensation Station

April concluded our visits to Sensation Station; we have had such a great time visiting Sensation Station this year as the children got to explore many gross motor activities. We also learned many breathing and meditation techniques.



Ms. Karen's Project

The children learned how to sew pillows with Ms. Karen at the end of last month. Each child was able to pick out their own fabric pattern, stuff their pillow with stuffing and work together with Ms. Karen to sew it together.

They were so proud of their hard work and learned some new skills!

Thank you, Ms. Karen, for this fun project!

Special Events

Mother's Day Tea Event will be held on Tuesday, May 6th at 9 am:

Classrooms A is planning a very special Mother's Day Tea to honor the Sunrise Mothers (or a special guest) in the classrooms.

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. This is a time for you or a special guest to join your child as they serve you tea and a special snack.



Donuts with Daddy will be held on Thursday, June 5th at 8:30 am:



Fathers (or a special guest), we will meet on the playground at drop off for a special morning breakfast of donuts and coffee. During this event, you and your child can enjoy a donut together while playing on the playground!

If you are unable to attend, you may wish to ask a grandfather, uncle or any special guest to attend in your place.

For specific questions about either of the events, please contact us.

Kindergarten Corner

The Kindergarten children were hard at work this month. While learning about Earth Day, they went outside to pick up trash around our school's outdoor environment. After collecting various litter, they learned how to dispose of it in the proper manner.



A special thank you to Isla Keough's family for our Spring baskets craft. The Keough family prepared and donated all the supplies to make this beautiful craft.

Sign-up links

[Guest reader sign-up](#)

We love to have guest readers in our classroom. If any family member (parents, siblings, grandparents, etc.) would like to be a guest reader, please sign up - we love to have visitors!

[Flower sign-up](#)

The children love to work on flower arranging. If you and your child would like to bring in a bouquet of flowers, please sign-up for a week to bring them in.



[Birthday walk sign-up](#)

If your child has a birthday coming up, please sign up for a birthday walk. If your child has a summer birthday, feel free to sign up on the same day as another classmate.



Happy Birthday to Lilly and Margareta!

Thank you,

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





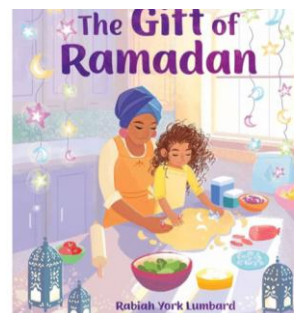
Classroom B Newsletter April 2025

Dear Sunrise Parents,

Springtime typically symbolizes new beginnings as this is when the first green emerges from the ground and the first bud opens. Flowers bloom for the first time in months in contrast to the days of cold, ice and snow. Animals awaken from winter-induced hibernation. The sun shines for more hours each day, bringing an end to the colder weather. The Earth comes “to life” once again and this is also known as the “Re-Birth” season.

Our classroom learned many fascinating things about the transition into spring. April is also a month with many holidays and celebrations including Ramadan, Passover, Good Friday, Easter and Earth Day. Our class discussed each of these holidays and we learned about many of the typical traditions.

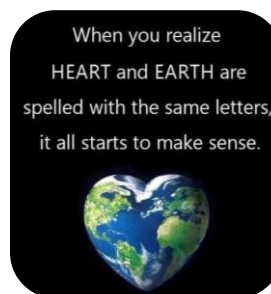
Ramadan which is a holy month that is celebrated by Muslims. This holiday has similarities with the traditions celebrated in Christianity and Judaism. Many people fast, reflect and spend time with family while worshiping and praying. The children enjoyed learning about this holy month and made colorful Ramadan Lanterns. During Passover believers restrict their food diets, focus on family, prayer, give thanks, clean the household, and finally celebrate with a special feast.



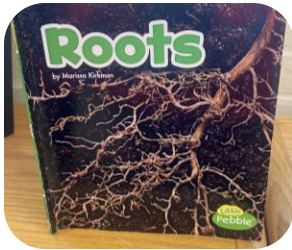
In Christianity, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are celebrated. It is a time of reflection, renewal, prayer and fasting. Those who celebrate these holidays learn about appreciating one another and personal sacrifices in daily life. Our class read stories and completed art projects to celebrate Easter.

Earth Day

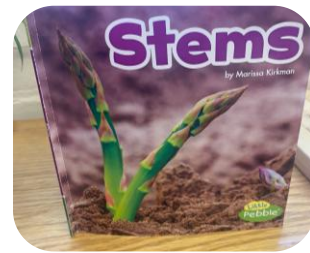
A special day when people all around the world think about how to take care of our beautiful Earth. We discussed the importance of what we can do to help keep planet Earth clean and healthy. The children learned about recycling and made art projects out of things that were collected on our nature walk. We 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 beautiful planet Earth.



Science and Zoology



This month the children are focusing on themes of renewal and growth. Our class has been learning about the life cycles of plants and animals, including hands-on activities like the parts of a flower, vertebrates and art projects.



Sensorial Area

Spring also offers new sensory experiences, from the feel of soil to the sounds of birds and insects. The children have been engaging with new materials that help them explore different textures, colors, and sounds that are found in nature. Lessons were given on the parts of a bird and insect.



Kindergarten Afternoon

The Kindergarteners are working hard on the beginning phases of reading. Here the Kindergarten children are working during the afternoon work cycle on finding the missing word to complete a sentence.



Special Thank You to our visitors

Thank you to Estelle's Dad
"Joshua Cohen" for coming in to share his musical talents with the children. We had a blast!



Thank you to our co-founder of Sunrise, Karen Roeber, for coming in to present a project and story about Earth Day!





Parent tip of the month

April is the perfect time to nurture your child's natural curiosity by exploring the outdoors. Take a nature walk together with no agenda, just observations.

Let your child collect leaves, spot insects, and feel the texture of trees and the bark.

Then follow up at home with a simple sorting activity of what they collected.

Looking forward to May

The children are so excited to celebrate the Mother's Day Tea Party coming up on Tuesday, May 6th @ 9:00am. Invitations will be sent home on Tuesday April 29th. We look forward to seeing you all!

Thank you for being a part of our Montessori community. Your support and involvement makes a world of difference in your child's learning journey.

Love, learn & grow!

Ms. Lynne Anselmo, Ms. Marianne and Ms. Jessica

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

Maria Montessori



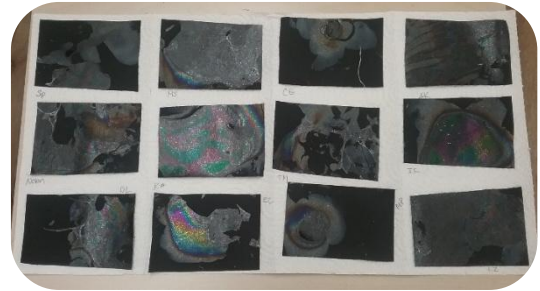
April 2025 Extended Day Newsletter

The month of April was a busy one for us in extended day.

In **Art** we finished our unit on letter-a-day alphabet crafts, had a Winnie the Pooh theme week, and did various open-ended crafts like sponge painting and sticker work.

In **Science** we got to take home our own handmade rainbow paper (pictured below).

This experiment taught us about thin film interference. Thin film interference occurs when light waves bounce off the top and bottom surfaces of a very thin layer, mix and create colorful patterns. A few examples of this are when you see colors in a bubble or oil spill.



We made the rainbow paper by dropping a few drops of clear nail polish into a bowl of water. Then we dipped a small piece of black construction paper into the water and quickly pulled it out. The nail polish created a film on top of the water and transferred onto the paper creating colorful patterns.



Our second Science unit of the month was an outdoor experiment. We used an old film canister as a rocket. We poured a little water into the canister, added an Alka seltzer tablet into it, and closed the lid. The water and Alka seltzer created a chemical reaction and started bubbling. The lid created pressure and within seconds the "rocket" shot up into the air. The children loved this and wanted to repeat it over and over again.

In honor of **Earth Day**, we focused on gardening. We planted lavender seeds from a biodegradable pencil. The seeds were at the end of the pencil where the eraser would normally be. Each child took turns either filling the pot with soil or watering the soil. We are very excited to watch the lavender grow.



Thank you, Ms. Jessica and 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.