



May 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The end of the year is fast approaching – just over a week left of this school year!

Father's Day Visit June 2nd at 8:30am

Friday, June 2nd will be **“Donuts with Daddy”** for both Classroom A and Classroom B. This event will be held at 8:30am on the playground. Fathers, if you are unable to attend, you may wish to have a special visitor come in your place (grandfather, uncle, stepfather, or a special guest to represent you). Please arrive on time, park in the parking lot, and walk with your child directly to the playground – all the Classroom teachers will be waiting (with a Box of Joe and Donuts)! The event should last about 45minutes.



Spring Fair Event Update

The Spring Fair was a great success! It was well attended, and the weather was beautiful. We had a total of 37 families stop by. It was great seeing so many of our current families in attendance as well as future enrolled and alum families. Thank you to our two parent representatives, Marissa and Susannah, for helping create our Raffle Basket themes. Thank you to Sue for organizing and tracking the Spring Fair donation link – she truly is the brain behind the scenes. Also, a huge thank you to Riley Correia's mother, Rebecca, for helping get donations for the baskets. Rebecca collected eight outside donations from local businesses and organizations. These donations helped make our baskets unique and special and we are truly grateful for the generosity and support of our program. However, this event could not have been possible without the monetary donations and the raffle basket item donations given by many of our Sunrise families (current, alum, and future enrolled), staff members, and board members – a huge THANK YOU to all the donors. The fair itself generated just over \$2,669 dollars! All proceeds will go directly towards classroom improvements and professional development opportunities for the Sunrise teachers.

To the staff - **thank you** to Ms. Anselmo for her face painting table – the children loved this; to Ms. Laura as she captured many of the families throughout the event. Additional thanks go to Ms. Samantha and Ms. Emily for supervising the bounce house; to Ms. Angela and Ms. Jessica for their playground supervision; to Ms. Alka and our bookkeeper, Rebecca Reda for serving pizza and cookies. Lastly, to my husband Chris, for his ongoing support and help from start to finish at the event!

Please visit the Spring Fair photo link below. We hope you enjoyed the fair! Please click on the link below to view photos from the Spring Fair.

[Spring Fair Family Photos](#)

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Other Upcoming News & Events

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 8th – 12th – Thank you, Parents

Thank you to everyone again for the amazing week of treats and gifts! The Sunrise Team is grateful to each and every family for your generosity and thoughtfulness.



Mother's Visiting Day Update

It was a beautifully planned Mother's Day Tea event. Thank you to all the mothers and special guests who attended their child's classroom. Thank you to the staff for making the Sunrise Mother's Day Tea event special for our students and their guests.



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, please remember to do this. If you need an additional copy, please let me know. Signed tuition contracts are due back by May 31st. Thank you!

Summer Program Reminder

Our summer program option is still available for all current Sunrise students (even those students who are moving on to other schools this fall). Forms are available in the office.

End of the Year Ceremony at the Courtyard in the Moseley Complex on Thursday June 8th

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 is questionable.

Details for the day of the outdoor Ceremony are as follows:

- ❖ Please drop your child off at the regular time for school (between 8:30am and 8:45am). Reminder - this is a half day of school for all students.
- ❖ **When do Parents arrive?** Arrive back at the school no later than **10am** and be sure to park in the parking lot (*not along the circle*). Additional parking is available in the top lot.
- ❖ **Where is the Ceremony?** 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?** - 2 adults please and siblings, of course. Due to space, we don't have enough room for extended family (if indoors). Thank you for your understanding.
- ❖ **What should you 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, and they will use chairs brought over from their classrooms.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **When does the Ceremony start?** Teachers and students will arrive in the courtyard at approximately **10:15am** to begin the ceremony. The ceremony will last about 45minutes. A program of the ceremony will be available when you arrive at the courtyard so you know what to expect throughout the event.
- ❖ There will be ample opportunity for that perfect photo as your child walks to his/her teachers to receive their certificate (they stand on a podium).
- ❖ Directly after the ceremony, you may wish to bring your chairs/blankets back to your vehicle and then proceed to the school (to your child's classroom).
- ❖ **The students will walk back with their teachers as a group and go directly to the playground.**
Parents, **before** meeting your child on the playground, please **go to your child's classroom** and collect any of your child's items (even if your child is returning for the summer program and/or the fall). Bring along a sturdy bag to hold cubby items (slippers, blankets, clothing, child's work, and any medications and sunscreens).
- ❖ **Dismissal is at 11:30am.** This is also the time to say farewell (as hard as it may be). Please remember to take care when walking through the parking lot with your child and be aware of any moving vehicles.

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

Afterschool – Extended day Science Fun with Ms. Samantha and Ms. Jessica

You may have noticed science is a big deal in the afterschool program. Both Ms. Jessica and Ms. Samantha focused on various topics throughout the school year. Here is one of their final experiments to be highlighted....

Water Bag and Pencil Experiment What is this experiment, you ask?

1. Fill a baggie about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way full of water and seal it shut.
2. Make sure you have a very sharp pencil.
3. Hold up the baggie with one hand and use the other hand to firmly push the pointy end of the pencil through the side of the bag. Continue pushing it until the point is also coming out the other side of the bag.
4. Observe what happens!

Ms. Samantha explained to the students the science behind the experiment. She stated that plastics are polymers (which just means they are made of many of the same molecules stuck together in a long chain). When you pierce the bag with the pencil, it breaks the chain, but the end molecules of the polymer chain are sticky – and make a seal around the pencil that won't let the water out. See the photos on the next page!

Waterbag and pencil experiment in Afternoon Extended Day



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.

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Father's Day Visit: June 2nd at 8:30am

Final Pizza Day for full day students: June 2nd

End of the Year Ceremony at the Courtyard in the Moseley Complex: Thursday June 8th

This is also an Early Release Day for all students at 11:30am.

Week 1 of the Summer Program Session begins: June 19th

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 did an amazing job learning the songs and we loved sharing a special treat with all the guests! We hope everyone had a beautiful Mother's Day!



This month in **Science**, we have been learning about the life cycle of a seed! We read books about seeds, roots, and stems and the children 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 with a damp paper towel. In just a few days, we began to see the seeds germinate in the plastic baggies and it was time to transfer to soil! We learned that plants need sunlight, water, and soil to grow! Each child helped to scoop soil, plant the bean seed, and then water the seeds! Now we get to watch them grow!



We began our study of insects and are growing butterflies in our classroom! We started by learning fascinating facts about 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 development stage around the classroom.

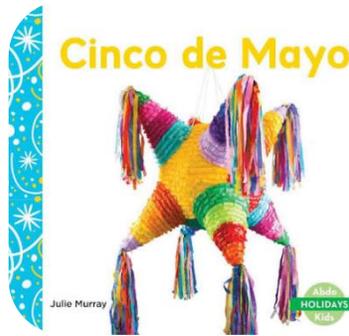


We also learned about the parts of an insect! The children used the diagram of the ant to learn the parts; head, antenna, compound eye, thorax, leg, and abdomen.

The children have also been learning the names of other various types of insects using the matching card game.



In the **Geography** area, we wrapped up the continent study of Africa and learned about the African artist, Olowe of Ise. The children got creative working on the art project using glue, paint sticks, and wooden objects to create their own wooden sculptures! Our class learned about *Cinco de Mayo* earlier this month and enjoyed learning about Mexico and coloring the Mexican Flag. We also learned about Memorial Day and discussed why we celebrate the holiday and learned many things about the American Flag!



During **Kindergarten Afternoon**, the K's began working on the writing and illustrations for the end of the year ceremony! The children worked hard to write what they like about school and Kindergarten. Then they created an illustration on story writing paper that will be laminated and presented at the ceremony. The Kindergarteners enjoyed addition with manipulatives, spring number writing practice, and counting with the sets basket full of spring treasures!

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 the visitors on Friday, June 2nd for Donuts with Daddy!

Thank you!

Sincerely, your child's teachers,

Ms. Laura, Ms. Alka
and Ms. Samantha



Hello Classroom B Parents,

Happy May! It has been an incredibly busy, yet productive month. This month our class focused on our Mother's Day Tea party which was a huge success. We practiced our **Grace and Courtesy** lessons and were well prepared to greet our moms and special guests. We sang songs, ate delicious treats and enjoyed conversations with one another.



In the **Geography** area we took a closer look at Mexico. We learned where Mexico is located on the map. We also had fun coloring in the flag of Mexico.



The children learned about *Cinco de Mayo* which is Spanish for "the Fifth of May". This is a holiday celebration held on May 5th to celebrate Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. This holiday is marked with parades, festivities and other cultural events.

In **Zoology** we studied the "parts of an insect" as well as "the life cycle of a butterfly". The children learned about the bee and were introduced to these great new words: insect, head, thorax, abdomen, eyes, antennae, forelegs, middle legs, hind legs, forewings, and hind wings. However, there is one amazing life cycle like no other that is very special - that is the life cycle of the butterfly.



The butterfly is a majestic insect. It is almost magical talking to the children about the process of metamorphosis that it goes through as it changes from a caterpillar to an amazing butterfly. A special thank you goes out to the **May Family** for donating a butterfly kit to our environment. We enjoyed this amazing hands-on experience. The children learned so much and watched all the stages of the life cycle of the butterfly. They discovered that butterflies and moths undergo a complete metamorphosis, which means there are four separate stages in

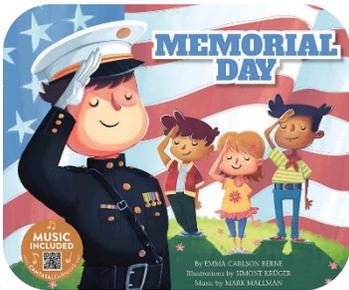


the life cycle (egg, larva, pupa, and adult). This was a great learning experience for all. We are looking forward to naming and releasing the butterflies soon.



In the **Botany** area of our environment the children were introduced to the Montessori flower puzzle “the parts of a flower”. This lesson teaches the child the parts of the flower from the stem to the sepal, pistil, stamens, and stigma. The children also enjoyed taking apart a fresh flower and then labeling each part.

Our class is learning about the upcoming holiday “Memorial Day”. We had a group discussion and talked about what this special day means. It is a day to honor family and friends who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, keeping it safe and free. We also made a special American flag for our Spring Fair as well as an individual flag to display at home.



In **Science**, the children explored the lesson on “Float vs Sink”. This sink and float activity helps the child to understand the concept of buoyancy and density. They observed that buoyant objects float and dense objects sink.



It was a fun-filled day for all at the Sunrise Spring Fair. Thank you to all the parents for coming. It was so nice to see you all and to meet new students who will join Sunrise in September. The children had a blast. It has been an exciting month of May and we look forward to the last couple of weeks of school.



Invitations for the Father’s Day Donuts with daddy on June 2nd will be sent home this week. The children are excited to host this special event.

Sparkle & shine!

Ms. Anselmo, Ms. Angela, Ms. Jess & Ms. Emily