



April 2026 Newsletter

Dear Sunrise Community,

Our playground has been renewed! Over the break, the landscapers leveled our play space and added new mulch and fresh sand to the sandbox. The students enjoyed playing on the playground on their first day back from the vacation week!



Outdoor Recess Sun Protection and Insect Repellent

As the weather gets drier and warmer, the sun will peek through the trees more during outdoor recess. We want to avoid sunburn on sensitive skin. Therefore, please apply sunscreen to your child *before* school. If your child has a sun hat or baseball cap that he/she likes to wear, it will also help protect against 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. Full-day students may require an additional application for these products. Consider sending in sunscreen and/or insect repellent labeled with your child's name (along with the signed consent form available on our website in the [Parent Corner tab](#)). Please note that these products cannot be shared amongst children, and the school also does not supply these products.

For safety reasons, children should wear sneakers or other closed-toe footwear on the playground. Sandals, crocs, and open-toe shoes do not provide adequate foot support for running and climbing. We want to ensure that your children's feet are always protected from wood chips and other objects during play.

Teacher Appreciation Week 2026 runs from **Monday, May 4, to Friday, May 8, 2026.**

Parent Rep. Erica Cucino will reach out to families with details.



Mother's Day Event Thursday, May 7th at 9 am in the classrooms

Classrooms A and B have a special Mother's Day event planned to honor the Sunrise Mothers (or a parent or special guest) in each classroom. Both classrooms are scheduled at the same time.

Sunrise Mothers, if you are unable to attend, you may wish to ask a grandmother, aunt, or another special guest to attend in your place. We request that only one person per student attend the event (except for families with two children enrolled). This is a time for you or a special guest to join your child as they share a special treat. For specific questions about the event, please contact the classroom head teachers!

Fathers (or a special guest), please plan ahead for **Thursday, June 4th**, at 8:30 am on the playground for your special event.

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

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Other News & Events

Our Annual Spring Fair Fundraising Event is Saturday, May 16th, Noon to 2 pm (rain or shine)

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 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!



The Sunrise Annual Spring Fair is one of our school's main fundraising events. Please help spread the word and share information about the Spring Fair with your co-workers, friends, business connections, etc... Everyone is invited to attend!

The classrooms are planning two great projects that will be part of the raffle items.

Classroom A students are making a Wooden Wind Chime, decorated with student fingerprints.

Classroom B students are working on a Corn Hole Game decorated with students' hand and footprints!

To donate to the Spring Fair, you can use [Venmo | Sunrise Montessori School Inc](#), send a check payable to Sunrise Montessori School, Inc (with Spring Fair in the memo line), or donate cash. All monetary donations help cover event costs, including the Bouncy House, PieZoni's Pizza, and bottled water. The event is free to attend, and Sunrise appreciates your support.

If you would like to make a raffle basket item donation, we are collecting various snacks (bags of chips, jarred dips, nuts, etc...), adult beverages of any kind, wine glasses, beer mugs, gift cards to any distillery or brewery, and lottery scratch tickets (Massachusetts or Rhode Island) of any value. No donation is too small or too big! 🌱 If you have perennial flowers or plants from your garden that you would like to share, these may also be brought to the fair. A plant table will be set up outside the main door.

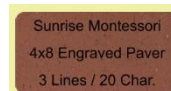
Raffle Basket Ticket sales at the fair are by cash, check, and Venmo only (no credit cards). You may purchase tickets in advance. Tickets are \$5 each, 3 for \$10, or 8 tickets for \$20. We will have pens so you can write your name/phone number on the raffle tickets, but you are also welcome to use those return address labels many people receive in the mail.

A Spring Fair Flyer highlighting the details on the raffle baskets will be shared soon! All proceeds from the fair help support our Sunrise Teacher Professional Development Fund!

Sunrise Brick Fundraiser order forms are due by June 1st

Please visit our website to view the [Sunrise Brick Order Form](#).

We would love to see each of our families' names on our new walkway! Please consider purchasing a brick with your child/family's name. Click the link above to view brick costs and sizes. Order forms are available at the entrance table and during the fair. Please also share with your friends and extended family (grandparents, your siblings, etc...)



Summer Program Registration Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that if you plan to register your child for one or more weeks of the summer program, please complete the [Summer Program Registration Form](#). Thank you to the many families who have already signed up for the program. Ms. Samantha, Ms. Jessica, Ms. Marieliam, Ms. Sarah, and Ms. Marianne have planned many fun projects and activities for each themed week. Additionally, we have Sensation Station visits and a visit from Storyteller Diane scheduled throughout the four weeks! Forms are also available in the office. Please let us know if you would like to register.

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

Pizza Fridays: May 8, 15, 22 & 29 (no pizza on **May 1** due to parent/teacher conferences)

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 from Noon to 2pm. All are welcome.

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 April 2026

Dear Classroom A families,

We hope you enjoyed the April vacation! The school year is passing by quickly, so please stay tuned for upcoming special event announcements. As there has been rainy spring weather, continue to send your child to school with rain boots for the muddy playground. During sunny days, please provide sunscreen for your child and complete the authorization sheet the school provides.



As a reminder, the teachers only apply sunscreen in the afternoons; please apply this product to your child before they arrive in the morning. We look forward to spending as much time outside as possible enjoying the nice weather.

Cultural Studies

As a class, we talked about **April Fools' Day**, which occurred on April 1st. This holiday is celebrated by playing safe/respectful pranks on your family/friends.

In April, we celebrated **Passover**. Passover took place from April 1st to April 9th. During Passover, Jewish people remember their ancestors who left slavery as they were led out of Egypt. Passover is celebrated through many rituals.



Easter was also celebrated in April this year on April 5th. Easter is celebrated in the Christian religion, and many children shared their traditions of participating in Easter egg hunts with their families!

As a class, we talked about **Earth Day**, which was held on April 22nd. We are encouraged to appreciate the Earth and the environment every day. The children learned about the words *reduce*, *reuse*, and *recycle*, and they discovered which items can be recycled

and reused, and what we should reduce. We learned we need to keep our planet clean to have a healthy environment.



Everyday Living

The children love the work of peeling and cutting cucumbers. This activity is designed to foster independence, focus, and fine motor skills. The children learn to wash, peel and dispose of scraps, which boosts self-confidence and teaches children to follow a set of simple instructions.

They enjoy washing the cucumber under the water. Once this is done, they peel the skin off the cucumber and then the children cut their cucumbers with a child safety chopper. Before the children may sit at the snack table to eat, they clean the materials, so these are ready for the next child.





Kindergarten Corner

This month in Kindergarten, the children went on a nature walk. As we walked around the complex, we listened to the sounds around us. We talked about birds, cars, wind, water fountains, and bugs. After our walk, the children came inside and wrote about what they heard during their nature walk.

Special Events

Mother's Day Event will be held on Thursday, May 7th at 9 am:

We are planning a very special Mother's Day Tea scheduled 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 another special guest to attend in your place. We request that only one person per student attend the Mother's Day Event. This is a time for you or a special guest to join your child as they serve you a special baked snack and a special gift.

Father's Day Event will be held on Thursday, June 4th at 8:30 am:

Fathers (or a special guest), will meet at the playground at drop off for a special morning with watermelon and coffee. (**Reminder: bring a**



travel mug for your coffee). During this event, you and your child can enjoy watermelon 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 event, please contact us.

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 Kevin and Margareta!

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 April 2026

Dear classroom B families,

Happy spring! We are finally getting some warmer weather, and the children are so excited to be able to play outside for longer periods of time!

Sunscreen/Bug Spray

As it gets sunnier, the bugs will start coming out. If you would like the teachers to apply sunscreen/bug spray to your child in the afternoon, please provide the product of your choice, and we will give you a permission form to fill out. (If you have already provided the product(s) and completed the permission form, we will start applying it as necessary). Please note we cannot apply these products to your child without your signed and dated permission form. The school does not supply these products.



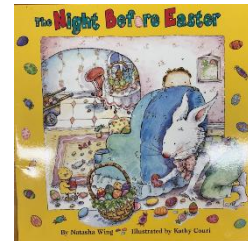
Science

Our class has begun learning about flowers and plants and the many different parts these have such as roots, stems, leaves and sometimes flowers. We also discussed that flowers and other plants need sunlight and water to grow.

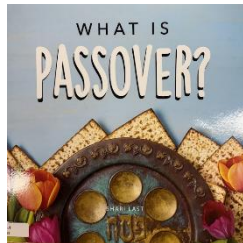
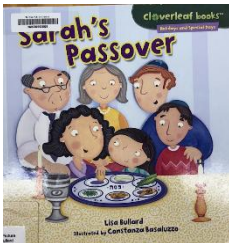
Cultural Studies

This month, we learned about **Easter**, which many families celebrated on Sunday, April 5th. Easter is a traditional Christian holiday which observes the resurrection of Christ.

Other traditions are celebrated as well. Some families plan a larger dinner, and some families celebrate with the Easter Bunny.



Passover is a Jewish holiday celebrated around the world. This year, Passover began on April 1st and ended on April 9th.



Many families observe this multi-day holiday with special dinners often called Seders. Matzah, herbs, charoset, and other symbolic foods are presented. Passover commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd. As a part of our recognition of Earth Day, the children used recycled materials to create art projects. Taking something that would otherwise be thrown away and using it to make something else helps keep our Earth clean!



We also learned about the words *reduce*, *reuse*, and *recycle*.

Yoga and Mindfulness

Mehr's mom, Sakshi Saini, joined us this month to teach the class about yoga and mindfulness! Sakshi is a yoga teacher! We learned a lot about breathing and how each nostril breathes differently. Thank you for sharing with our class! It was so much fun.



Kindergarten Corner

In kindergarten, the children have been working on making number rolls. The children use graph paper to write the numbers 1 through 10. Next, the children write the teen numbers, writing one number per box. As they continue, the rolls get longer and longer. Montessori number rolls demonstrate hands-on mathematics. This activity is designed to help children visualize, write, and understand the sequence of numbers as well as help the children understand place value, develop patience and concentration.



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 to Mehr's mom, Sakshi Saini, Colin's mom, Maureen Cugini, and Karen Roeber 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. If you would like to sign-up to bring in a bouquet, please click on the link below. Thank you to Henry for providing flowers this month!

[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). Happy Birthday to Jad, Elaine, and Rowan!



[Classroom B birthday walk sign-up](#)

Thank you for reading our newsletter!

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



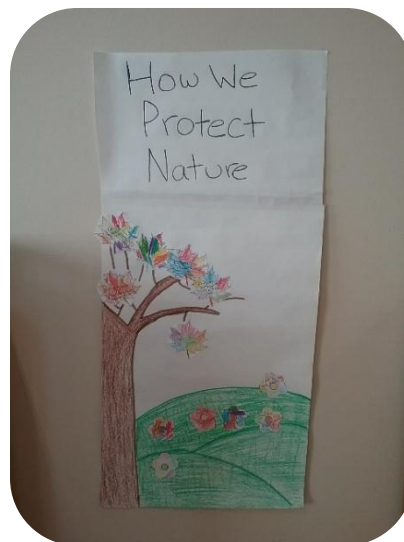
April Extended Day Newsletter

April showers bring May flowers. That was the theme we followed in **Science** this month. Our first experiment was called *Rain Cloud in a Jar*. We filled a jar with water, about 3/4 full, then added shaving cream on top to represent a cloud. In a smaller cup, we mixed blue food dye with water to represent rain. Using a dropper, we slowly added the blue water. The more blue water we added, the heavier the shaving cream became, causing it to “rain down” into the clear water. This experiment taught us that when clouds become too heavy with moisture, the water falls as rain.

Our second experiment was called *Color Changing Flowers*. We learned about capillary action, which is how liquid flows through narrow spaces, like a flower stem, against the force of gravity. For this experiment, we placed white daisies in blue, yellow, and red water. Over time, the colored water was supposed to change the flowers' color. Unfortunately, this experiment did not produce the results we expected. Although there were faint traces of color on some petals, the entire flower did not change color. Perhaps a different type of white flower will work better than daisies?

In **Art**, we finished our alphabet theme, had fun with Dr. Seuss-themed crafts, and worked on our final group project. Our group project was in honor of Earth Day. We read the book *Why Should I Protect Nature* by Jen Green. We colored flowers and leaves, then wrote down different ways we can protect or be kind to nature. Some ideas included using a trash can instead of littering, not pulling leaves off trees, not picking flowers from the ground, and being kind to insects and bugs.

Ms. Jessica, Ms. Amanda, & Ms. Marieliam



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.