



April 2023 Newsletter

Spring is a time for new growth and life!
Our program is full of continued growth and new developments.

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

Maria Montessori



Dear Parents,

Outdoor Recess Sun Protection and Insect Repellent

As the weather gets dryer and warmer, 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. The flying insects and bugs have already returned to our playground, so consider applying bug sprays 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). You may also ask for a copy of this form during the morning drop off, but if you intend to fill it out at that moment, please pull into a parking spot so the car line isn't delayed. Thank you.

Due to safety reasons, children should wear sneakers or 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.

Summer Program Registration Reminder

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. Deposits are required for the program and forms and payments are due by Friday, May 26th – thank you to the families who have already signed up for the program. Ms. Laura and Ms. Jessica have many fun projects and activities planned for each of the themed weeks. Additionally, we have Sensation Station visits and a performance from Storyteller Diane arranged throughout the four weeks! Forms are available in the office; please let us know if you would like to register.

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Other Upcoming News & Events

Storyteller Diane Performance

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

A Spring Tale and an Irish Tale titled "How to catch a leprechaun."



Extended Day – Afterschool Highlights – Coloring Changing Experiment

Here are the steps Ms. Jessica demonstrated for this lesson:

- Pour 3 cups of water into clear cups
- Add 10-20 drops of food coloring to each jar
- Cut off the ends and stems of flowers – leaving about 6 inches
- Observe daily – the students noticed that the color on the white flowers changed over time to the color in which their stems were submerged.



Mother's Day Tea Event

As you may have previously read, Classroom A and B have a very special Mother's Day Tea scheduled to honor the Sunrise Mothers in the classrooms.

Classroom A's event will be on Tuesday, May 9th from 9-10am
Classroom B's event will be on Wednesday, May 10th from 9-10am



Sunrise Mothers, if you are unable to attend, you may wish to consider asking a grandmother, aunt, or special guest in your place. Due to space, 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. For specific questions about either of the events, please contact either Ms. Laura or Ms. Anselmo!

Fathers, please mark your calendars for Friday June 2nd at 8:30am for your special event!

Family Fun Spring Fair May 13 from Noon to 2pm

As you know, the Spring Fair event is one of our main fundraising events for our program. Many Sunrise families (including alum, current, and future enrolled students) have already donated through the Spring Fair link – thank you! We have also received several monetary donations – YAY!

The classrooms are planning two great projects that will be included as Raffle items. Classroom A students are making a Spring Garden Lantern Light and Classroom B students are creating an American Flag Canvas Painting! These projects are going to be beautiful. Additional raffle baskets will include a Half Day Summer Program week and a Full Day Summer Program week.

During the week of May 8th we'll have a full description and photos of each raffle basket available to view online as well as a "map" (where everything is set up inside the school) for the Spring Fair.

Don't forget our Sunrise Apparel and Sunrise Tote Bags will be available to purchase at the fair. If you are interested in having something "Sunrise" to wear at the Spring Fair, please stop in and check out the table in the front entrance any school day.

- Adult Hoodies
- Adult and Child Tee-shirts,
- Winter Beanie Hats
- Baseball Caps
- And Sunrise Tote Bags



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

May 9 & 10 – Mother's Day Teas in the classrooms

May 13: Spring Fair. All alum, current, and new families enrolled for 2023-2024 are invited!

May 26: Application deadline for Summer Program sessions.

Sensation Station dates to remember 10am-11am

May 2, 16, 23 - **Classroom A**

May 3, 17, 24 - **Classroom B**

Pizza Days for full day students: May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2

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 your 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 \$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

Annual Spring Fair

Mark your calendars! Sunrise will host its annual Spring Fair on Saturday, May 13th. The Spring Fair is the main fundraiser of the year and is held rain or shine. There will be games and activities for the children and raffle baskets and chance drawings for the adults. Pizza and water will be provided by the school. Pick up a perennial plant for your garden as well. If you would like to help plan the spring fair, please contact your parent reps, Susannah and Marissa at: parentrep@MySunriseMontessori.com

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.

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 newly listed items on the tree, just inside the front door.

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.



Classroom A Newsletter April 2023

Dear Classroom A Families,

April Showers...Bring May Flowers!

We hope everyone had a wonderful vacation week! It was great to hear the children share about their vacations, spending time outside, visiting with families, traveling, and starting spring sports!

Our class has enjoyed getting outside to enjoy the beautiful

spring weather. The children love working in the **Practical Life** area with the new spring works on the shelves. We discussed how spring is a celebration of new life, baby animals being born, more sunlight, and plants sprouting from the Earth. The children enjoyed observing the beautiful tulips coming up and remember planting these bulbs in the ground back in the fall! As we continue into the spring season, we will learn about the parts of a seed, gardening, and the parts of a flower.



Ramadan

Before the vacation, our classroom talked about the holidays that are celebrated in April. We learned about Ramadan and Eid and read about promises that people make over the course of the month. We learned how some people fast during the day; some traditions include children wearing new clothes, special food is eaten, gifts are exchanged and people gather for family meals and to pray.



We also learned about and shared the different ways the children in our classroom celebrate Passover and Easter as well. We had a lot of fun during the class egg hunt in the morning before vacation!

Passover / Easter

This month in **Science**, we learned about magnets.

We read the book *The Mystery of Magnets* by Melvin Berger and we experimented with various objects. The children voted to predict what objects they thought were magnetic and which objects they thought were non-magnetic. We have also been learning about magnetic forces and objects that are magnetic vs. non-magnetic! The children enjoyed sorting objects and exploring with the north and south poles to find what repels and what attracts. Our class has also been learning about the parts of the bird. We read the book *What Makes a Bird a Bird* by May Gerelick and children enjoyed guessing what makes a bird a bird...it's feathers!





In **Geography**, we learned about Earth Day, which was celebrated on April 22nd, 2023. We read *Celebrating Earth Day* by Janet McDonnell and talked about all the different ways we can help take care of our planet and keep the air, water, and land that we have clean. We discussed how we can recycle using the bin in our classroom and how doing this benefits our Earth. The children enjoyed creating their own Earths using green and blue markers and a spray bottle to blend the colors together!

During **Kindergarten Afternoon** class this month, we enjoyed nature observations and the signs of Spring! We discovered worms and nests during our nature explorations.

The Kindergarteners have been working so hard on the phonetic boxes, isolating beginning, middle and ending sounds to identify the labels and the pictures.

There has been an explosion of writing as well and the Kindergarteners are using journal pages to express thoughts and ideas through words and pictures! The Kindergarteners loved counting eggs and practicing number recognition. They also used the eggs to join groups together and practice simple addition!



It was wonderful to chat with everyone who was able to come to the parent teacher conferences! We love to hear what the children share with their families about school and to share with you all the progress and hard work that the children do in the classroom!

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Thank you!

Sincerely, your child's teachers,

Ms. Laura, Ms. Alka and Ms. Samantha



Our class enjoyed listening to Storyteller Diane Edgecomb earlier this month!



Classroom B Newsletter April 2023

Hello Classroom B Parents,

Happy Spring! It's hard to believe that Spring has finally sprung. 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.



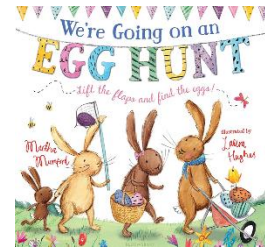
Ramadan which is a holy month that is celebrated by Muslims. This holiday has similarities with the traditions celebrated in Christianity and Judaism. Many people fast, reflect and spend time with family while worshiping and praying. The children enjoyed learning about this holy month and made colorful 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, completed art projects, and had an "Egg Hunt" to celebrate Easter.

Additionally, as part of the season, the staff enjoyed traditional sweet bread from one of the Portuguese bakeries in Fall River.



Earth Day.... The children 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 planet Earth.





This month in **Zoology**, we focused on the new season, the changes in our outside environment and bird studies. We are learning about many different birds and their life cycles. It's great to see the children associate the birds that we are learning about in class with the birds we see in our outside environment. We went on a nature walk and noticed the similarities in some of the birds that we have been studying. We found birds building a nest right outside our school door.

Sheer excitement was felt by all the students with this discovery. We look forward to exploring more about these birds in the days ahead.

In the **Cultural** area of our environment the children are investigating world maps. We continue to learn about this great big world and the many different cultures and countries. We are currently working on the United States map as well as several continent maps.

We also had a special guest appearance from "Storyteller Diane" who came to Sunrise on April 6th. The children had a great time with her and her animations. They enjoyed how she brought her stories to life. It was fun for all.



Kindergarten Corner

The kindergarten students are doing great. We see amazing growth in them as they continue to work on their **language cards** and they easily identify the phonetic words with the pictures. We are working on Box #3 which consists of short "i" phonetic words.

The children have learned how to make an observation and reflect on what they saw by writing and illustrating on a blank paper. This was a great lesson; we were so excited by their work. This not only helps to build their confidence but also enhances their writing skills.

In **Math** the Kindergarteners also practiced simple addition using eggs. They really understood the concept and continue to utilize this material in strengthening their knowledge with addition.

Be on the lookout for more exciting things coming up next month!

Sparkle & shine!

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

