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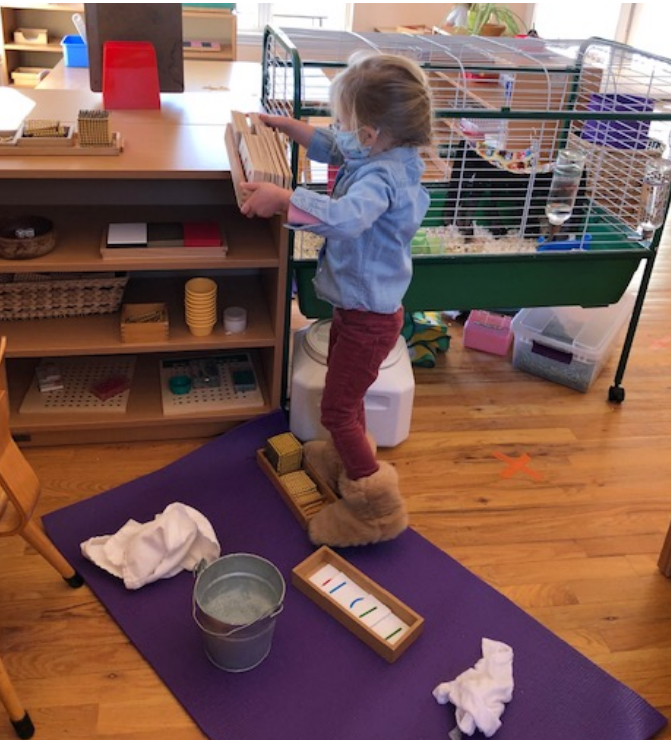
SHORT & SWEET!

April 14: Class Pics (Note the date change from April 7.)

April 29: MMS 42nd Birthday

REAL WORK

Montessori said, "Follow the child." And, if we follow the child, much of what we see is a child longing to do what we're doing. The inner drive to become an independent, contributing member of our society starts early and that's why, at home and in the Montessori classroom, providing opportunities for children to help in day-to-day activities is a win-win situation. They feel empowered to be doing "real" work and, at the same time, they're developing concentration, eye-hand coordination, care of the environment, respect for others and more. Children have always put their own lessons away and helped to straighten-up the classroom at the end of the day but we've bumped it up a notch. This year Friday afternoon is for deep cleaning and each child takes



As you can see, Lyle takes her cleaning responsibility seriously!

responsibility for a shelf. At home, you can set up cleaning exercises with your children - keep it simple and make sure they have the tools they'll need at hand. From plant washing (think sprayer, 2 containers for clean and dirty cotton balls, and a small basket to hold everything) to car hub caps (2 buckets - soapy/clean water, a brush and sponge) they'll give it their all. And don't forget, clean up is part of the experience. Good luck!

CLASS PHOTOS!

Our class photo shoot on April 14 will be a breeze because all the kids are always here! Boom done!

MMS 42nd BIRTHDAY - April 29

Our MMS birthday celebration will be a modest, but still tons-of-fun, event this year with lots of our regular MMS birthday activities set out for the children. We may even rustle up some hot-dogs, chips, fruits, veggies and mini-cupcakes - our normal fair fare! Sorry parents, sibs - you're welcome back next year!

ONE VOICE

We're learning a new song "One Voice." This song was performed in a virtual choir by the Boulder Children's Chorale (a group within the Boulder Chorale where I've been singing for 25 years!) You can find it on Youtube: "One Voice - Boulder Children's Chorale" if you'd like to help your child learn it. I've started with Susan L & Linda's class and they're loving it!

SUMMER

We still have some space in our summer camps. A few of you said "yes" in the summer survey but I don't have your registrations yet. If you're still interested, please return them ASAP as we are now inviting children not currently enrolled in MMS. Thank you!