



WELCOME TO OUR CLASSROOM

*What a beautiful first 4 weeks we had of the new school year.
Children are settling back into the classroom routine and their new environment.*

Grace and Courtesy

Grace and Courtesy is a very important part of the Montessori philosophy and Classroom. Grace and Courtesy lessons give the child the vocabulary, actions, and steps required for him/her to build his/her awareness and responsiveness of those around him/her. This in turn gives the child a better sense of orientation in his social structure. Grace and Courtesy lessons are given to each child in the environment and usually in a group. Some of the Grace and Courtesy we have been practicing:

- Place items in your cubby
- Sit on circle
- Washing hands
- Roll and unroll a mat
- Walk around a mat
- Push in a chair
- How to wait and ask for help
- How to ask if you can watch someone working on a lesson

Classroom Rules



Snack and Lunch time

Before we eat our snack or lunch together, we say the blessing "Thank you, mama earth, for our feast, Bon Appetit, you may eat".

Birthdays

We will celebrate your child's birthday with a simple Montessori tradition. Your child will carry a globe around a candle representing the sun. This year the teacher will tell a brief developmental story about the life of the child through the years since he or she was born. We then sing a birthday song and your child blows out the candle.

We would love for you to make a big cardboard card with pictures of your child that we can put or hang in our classroom on this special day.

International Day of Peace



Peace education is a huge aspect of the Montessori Method. Peace is also a habit that Montessori children learn. Lessons in Grace and Courtesy, the Peace Table and Peace Rose we have in our classroom teach our children the habit of viewing and treating others with respect.

We talked about how peace smells, tastes, sounds and feels like. We also closed our eyes and imagined how it would look like. Children have a great imaginations.

September 21st was International Day of Peace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4cxee6KE6A>

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Enjoy listening