



WELCOME TO OUR CLASSROOM

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---Maria Montessori---



Blair practicing writing her name in Chinese



In the month of February, we have been talking about kindness, respect and sportsmanship. Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year and the Winter Olympics were great units to talk about that. Being part of a Montessori classroom is more than just academics, there is a social aspect to the classroom that is just as important. Children in a Montessori classroom learn to be a part of a community, where getting along with others is extremely important. Montessori teachers reinforce the values of kindness and respect every day by modeling appropriate behaviors and through lessons in *Grace and Courtesy*. Lessons in *Grace and Courtesy* are essential ways to promote lifelong skills in each child. We discuss expectations to promote kindness and respect with the children. They are expected to respect the teacher, respect the materials, respect friends, and respect themselves. The best way for teachers to assist children in learning these concepts is to provide them with a clear understanding of the importance of respect and to educate them through communication by using our words, positive actions, and always modeling respect for others.



Here are some of the lessons that we have been working with and talking about. Role play is another way of doing *Grace & Courtesy* lessons especially during circle time or a small group lesson.



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I would like to welcome our new friend Mac and his parents Emily and Ed.

I look forward to continuing to work together for your child's success.

It is now time for our Spring PTC. You will receive an email from me with a link to the sign-up sheet in a Google Document soon. I'm looking forward to meeting and chatting with you all.

Valentine's Day

Love makes our friends a little dearer.
Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.
Faith makes our paths a little clearer.
Hope makes our life a little brighter.
Peace brings us all a little nearer.

Some action pictures

Science experiment



- What you will need:
- Borax laundry detergent booster
 - Water
 - String
 - Scissors
 - Measuring cup
 - Empty container
 - Food coloring (optional)
 - Popsicle stick or pencil
 - Pipe cleaners



Maren is practicing her weaving skills.



Chloé is working with color box nr3.



Elle is working with and learning the names of the Geometric Solids.



Palmer is working with the Trinomial Cube.

Parent Teacher Conference

It was a pleasure meeting with all our Kindergarten and Prekindergarten families at conference time. Please stay in touch and let me know if you have any further questions or comments.



Edith mastering the hundred board.