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MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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SHORT & SWEET!

Back to School Nights: Oct 2 for Moms & child Oct 10 for Dads & child 5:30-6:30 (see article below)

Parent-Guide Conferences: Angelarose will schedule conferences for the weeks of Oct 7 and 21; Linda will schedule for the weeks of Oct 14 and 28. They'll have sign-up sheets available soon. Conferences are a wonderful time for new families to get acquainted with their child's guide and for returning families to catch up. You'll be able to share thoughts about the first few weeks of school and hear how all the "work" (social, emotional as well as academic) is going. Bring your questions!

FIRST WEEKS

Wow, time flies when you're having fun! We've already completed our first month of school and the children are really settling into a good routine. It's always amazing to me how quickly the children learn, often from each other, how to act in a new environment with new friends and leaders. The older children are great role models; younger ones are watching and quickly learn the ropes!

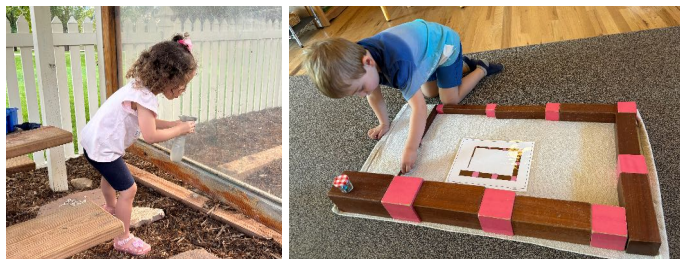
Totally unrelated: the Dept. would like signatures (not ours) on all sign-in AND sign-out sheets. Let's start next week.



We had our first MMS Family Social and served ice cream from our "Yonana Bar". Everyone loved the ice cream that had neither ice nor cream-only fruit; it was so healthy and yummy!



Food prep has been a big hit during aftercare; the children have made fruit smoothies and guacamole and there's more to come!



Look at the concentration of children totally focused on their work.

CLASS NEWS

The South class is studying Our Universe—the Solar System and how it came to be. We'll make our own volcano and experiment with mini explosions. During this autumn season we'll celebrate the harvest by squeezing oranges, tasting apples and baking. Let me know if you'd like to help bake or share something at our group time.

The North class is also exploring autumn and is working on Grace & Courtesy and Peace. They made peace banners



with doves then both classes, together, sang songs of Peace under the pergola on Peace Day, 9/21 this year.

BACK to SCHOOL NIGHTS

Come with your MMS students and let them show you their favorite lessons. Your focus will be on your MMS student (and the classrooms will be crowded) so please leave sibs at home. During the hour, you'll work with your child and experience a circle time, like a real school day!

Here are some tips for back to school night:

1. When the bell is rung; we all stop, look and listen.
2. The shelves are for our work; parents, you'll join your children sitting either on the floor or on child-size chairs at the tables but not on the shelves!
3. Children & adults park your coats & shoes in the entry.
4. Enter with a soft inside voice; respect the work going on.
5. Allow your child to pick a favorite lesson to show you.

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Everything (and I mean everything) should be labeled; with young children anything can come off and get misplaced. Maybe your child can identify her things but if a staff member finds something and can't pinpoint the owner, out of 40 students, into the Lost & Found it goes!