



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
2016

Welcome!

Another exciting year has started at Villa Madonna Montessori. The first two weeks are off to a great start. We are establishing the routine along with the class rules. Below is a list of some of the rules that we are currently working on, please join in establishing the same basic rules at home (when applicable):

- Our feet walk inside.
- We carry work with two hands, thumbs on top.
- We work at a mat or table.
- Feet walk around the mats.
- Our voices are quiet inside.
- Our works go back on the shelf where we got it from originally in an organized fashion.
- You need a clip to go to the bathroom. Otherwise, we stay in our classroom.
- Lessons are required before you do a work.
- When the bell rings, we stop, look, and listen.

Curriculum:

Includes but is not limited to...
the above ground rules
living and non living
our Earth and its components: land, air and water
animal classification-fish (vertebrae)

Kindergarteners are working on math, language and hand writing every day. During the extended day session they have been sewing their own cloth napkins for lunch, making the continent maps and starting their timelines with three theories.

Observation Room

The observation room will be open to parents and visitors starting on Tuesday, Oct. 4. The hours are from 9-11 a.m. Monday through Friday. We strongly encourage you to come in and observe your child. We think you'll like what you see. Please be sure to sign in and stay as long as you like within the timeframe.

Fundraisers

If you haven't already, please take part in our ongoing fundraisers. ..

FREE AND EASY MONEY AVAILABLE THROUGH REMKE MARKETS AND KROGER!!

*The REMKE MARKETS & KROGER programs are simple to join. Just create an account online and choose **Villa Madonna MONTESSORI** as your non-profit organization.

*Collect box tops

*Plan on making purchases for birthdays /Christmas etc. through the *Small Hands* catalog coming soon.

*Plan on buying poinsettias during November ...they will be delivered the first Friday in December.

E-mail Communication

STAY INFORMED---Are you receiving *and carefully reading* our e-mails?

Additional Reminders

Please remember our traffic safety policies, as listed in the parent handbook (on the web page).

Drop-off begins promptly at 8:45 a.m., and pick-up begins at 11:50 a.m.

Kindergarten and extended day pre-school pick begins at 2:25 p.m. Use the back entrance.

Please be on time.

(Breaks for the teaching staff begin at noon)

Please refrain from having lengthy conversations with the teacher in the car line, so that we can keep things moving. If you ever need to speak to your child's teacher, please feel free to call after class is over. The office phone number is 859-341-5145. One last thing... please turn off your electronics so you can greet your little darlings after their work day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 28 – Dance class begins

Friday, Sept. 30 – Spanish class begins

Monday, Oct. 3 – Picture day (details to follow).

We do need a couple of parent volunteers to help on picture day.

Call the office if you are interested 859-341-5145

May Peace Prevail-The Montessori Staff



*At Villa Madonna Montessori
our mission is to provide a
learning environment in which
children are encouraged to:*

develop

develop an awareness of self,

respect

respect for the community,

honor

and honor their spirituality.



Villa Madonna Montessori Lunch Policies

At Villa Madonna Montessori, the child's total health and wellness is extremely important. Essential to human health and well being is physical exercise and proper nutrition.

Nutrition is the total process by which our body uses food. It involves an understanding of our body processes and development and of the nutrients contained in foods. Nutrients and substances (vitamins, carbohydrates, minerals, protein, fat, etc.) are obtained from food during digestion. What we eat, including the chemicals, preservatives, additives, crystallized acid (processed sugar), and drugs (caffeine in chocolate and tea and coffee), affects us deeply: our brain, our organs, and our behavior.

The lunch program at VMM provides a special time for education of the children in manners, etiquette, nutrition, knowledge of health-supporting foods, and community togetherness, along with the important process of digestion. In accordance with the philosophy of Montessori about health and wellness and nutrition, the following policies are presented for the lunch foods brought to Montessori.

1. The drinks that the children bring may include natural juices, low-fat milk, and water. "Pop" or other artificially flavored/colored/sugared drinks are not health-supporting. Some of the boxed fruit juice drinks contain only a small percentage of real juice and contain chemicals detrimental to a person's health. Please read the labels.
2. We encourage the use of whole grain bread, not white bread. White processed flour contains no nutrients.
3. We encourage the use of sandwich fillings such as natural white, low-fat cheeses, vegetables, and tuna in spring water, as well as other whole foods. Avoid chemically processed foods, choosing foods prepared without preservatives, fillers, artificial colors, flavors, and sugars.
4. We discourage "sugar" snacks, such as Twinkies, cupcakes, candy bars, and candy. **Please do not pack these for lunch.**
5. Food may not be traded or thrown away. This will provide for respecting each child's food program and/or allergies and will enable the parents to know what is being eaten.
6. Refrigeration is not available for keeping food cold. Thermal containers can be used for hot or cold food.
7. Children are not made to eat all of their food. Foods that are not eaten are sent home.
8. Packing small amounts will not overwhelm children and they will be able to eat a variety of food instead of one or two large quantity items.
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Dear Parents,

When we start our extended day for the kindergarten children, lunch will be from 12:00 – 12:30, Monday through Thursday. Ms. Patti will be the lunchroom teacher 3 days and Ms. Soo will help 1 day a week. Table manners and proper lunchtime behavior will be taught during this time. The children will also have a turn to lead us in prayer. They will be assigned a week in October. **Please pack your child a well-balanced lunch, drink, and a clean napkin using as little or no throw-away containers as possible.**

Thanks for your support. ☺