MONTESSORI ACADEMY OF CHAPEL HILL

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Toddler's Room:

Dear Parents

What a wonderful October it has been in the toddler room. We have enjoyed watching the leaves fall from the trees and the beautiful blue skies and the sunshine when we go to play outside.

This month we have learned some more about farm animals and are working on increasing our vocabulary with our color and shape words. We love singing farm songs and wheels on the bus during circle time.

What a privilege it is to have you share your children with me.

Sincerely,
Miss Jennifer

All the kids chasing bubbles!

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Children's House #1:

Dear parents,

Last month Children House #1learned the letter "A". Our children also learned the letter "B". We made bubble solution in our classroom and our little stars rocked outside with bubbles. Working with the practical life activity, "cooking and pouring", was an awesome experience for us. We heard so many voices saying "yummy" after drinking banana milk shakes that we made to go along with learning the letter "B".

Ari, Sam, Finn and Leila watching bubbles!

This month we are working with the letters "C" and "D". The children have made a nice craft of a carrot with yarn, since it begins with the letter "C". Children House #1 kids are helping us to keep the classroom clean as they work on the practical life activity, "dusting the table". They are also taking care of our classroom plant by watering it. It was a great experience for them to make houses by using different shapes like rectangles, squares and triangles. On our Library days we read "The Belly Brook", "When I go to Preschool", "Feathers for Lunch" and "What the Lady Bug Heard".

October is the month of Angelica's birthday. We wish her a happy and healthy birthday.

Thank you so much,

Mrs. Soma and Miss Emily

PHOTO MEMORIES

Julia getting ready!

Zimo focused!

Mason creating his masterpiece!

Children's House #2:

Dear Parents and Families,

During the months of September and October we worked our way through our practical life shelves, practicing with works such as pouring, spooning, place setting, beading, tweezers, and cutting. All of these activities work on fine motor skills and hand eye coordination. Many of these activities also prepare the children to hold a pencil.

After finishing all our practical life works, we moved on to our writing shelf where the children learned about our push pin work, metal insets, and sandpaper letters. From there we moved on to our sensorial shelf where the children learned about the knobbed cylinders, the knobless cylinders, the touch tablets, the fabric box, the sound cylinders and the color tablets. All of the works on the sensorial shelf are designed to help enhance the children's sense of touch, sight, and smell along with their hand eye coordination.

We also started having music lessons with Mrs. Sharon. All the children love singing along to her guitar and playing instruments to the beat with her. She always has great song stories for us to sing and fun activities to do. In October we also had a special art presentation where Mrs. Margret and Mr. Patrick came in and did art with us that was submitted to a contest. We will hear back the results in January. Good luck to everyone! We also took class pictures and individual pictures. Everyone smiled so nicely! We could not have gotten a better class picture!

We also want to remind everyone that school begins at 8:30am. If you arrive after that time, please take your child to the bathroom, even if it is just to "try." It really helps the children concentrate when that is not something that we have to worry about. Our routine in the morning consists of skill building activities that greatly benefit development of your child. When a child misses out on these activities it is possible for them to fall behind. Thank you for cooperation!

We thank you for all that you do,

Miss Brittany and
Miss Caroline

Hard at work!

Announcements and Reminders!

FROM MARIA MONTESSORI:

"The child is endowed with unknown powers, which can guide us to a radiant future."

Remember:

It is best for our children's safety for them to wear tennis or closed toe shoes. Sandals and open toed shoes can contribute to playground injuries.

With the cooler weather here, please provide a jacket or "hoodie" for your children for use during outdoor times.

Please remember that school begins promptly at 8:30 am! We hope to see you all there and ready!

Parents, this is your last week to order photos! Please bring in your photo packets to the office!

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