

## CALENDAR

- 9/8: Anjali's 5th Birthday
- 9/17: Charlie's 4th birthday
- 9/27: All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.  
Pizza Lunch
- 10/4: All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.  
PACE Coffee Meetup and Meeting  
9:00 a.m.  
Spirit Day  
Pizza Lunch
- 10/4: Amelia's 4th Birthday
- 10/8: Children's House Curriculum  
Workshop: Part 1 5-6:30 p.m.
- 10/10: Pizza Lunch  
Picture Day
- 10/11: No School: Professional  
Development: Childcare Fun Days  
available
- 10/11: Penelope's 6th Birthday!  
Alexander's 3rd Birthday!
- 10/14: School Closed:  
Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 10/18: All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.  
Pizza Lunch
- 10/24: United Nations Day
- 10/25: All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.  
Pizza Lunch
- 10/25: CH dismissal from Main Entrance
- 10/25: Halloween Fair 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
No Enrichment

We were so excited to welcome our new friends and families, and we're glad to see our old friends return. The children have been learning and practicing the ground rules of circle time and the classroom. We are lucky to have our second, third, and fourth-year students to help our new students acclimate to their new classroom.

## Practical Life

In the practical life area, we have introduced many activities that foster the child's independence. These include hand washing, rolling and unrolling a work rug, walking around a rug and how to carry work, bringing it to the appropriate workspace, and then putting it away upon completion. The children have also been working on fine motor coordination and control by practicing pouring and scooping.

## Sensorial Area: Pink Tower

The Pink Tower is a sensorial material designed to help children develop their visual discrimination skills by discerning differences in dimension. As the child works with the cubes, starting from the smallest to the largest, they can feel the weight and progression of size. Building the tower also helps refine their voluntary movement and develop self-control by handling the cubes precisely.

In addition to its sensorial benefits, the Pink Tower indirectly prepares the child for language and math. It helps develop the hand muscles needed for writing as children use a 3-finger grip to carry the cubes. Using language to describe the cubes (cube, smallest, smaller, bigger, biggest), the child learns new vocabulary related to size and dimension. The Pink Tower also lays the foundation for mathematics, as the child works with 10 cubes representing the numbers 1-10 and introduces concepts of geometry by exploring the different dimensions of the cubes.



## Cultural & Geography

The Cultural area includes Geography, History, and Science.

We began the school year by learning about Maria Montessori and what it means to go to a Montessori school. Did you know that Maria Montessori was born in Italy, which is on the continent of Europe?

In the geography area, the children learned about planet Earth. The concepts of land, air, and water were introduced, as well as the Continent Globes. The children were taught the seven continents, and we shared a special continent song. (Ask your child to sing the continent song!)

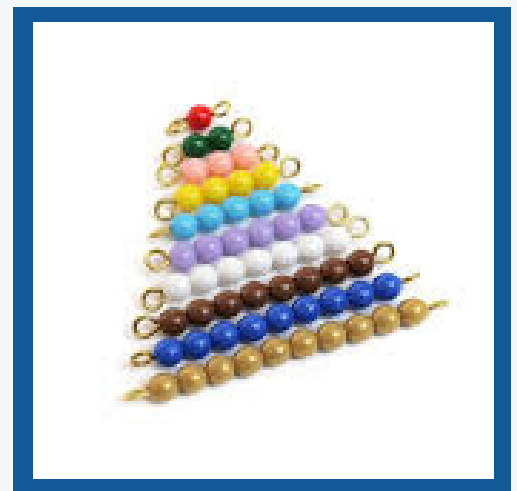


## Science

In science, we discussed the lifecycle of an apple tree and the parts of an apple. We did this by watching short videos, reading books, puzzles, and hands-on activities. We ended our unit study by doing apple coring. This is great for concentration, fine motor skills, independence, and following a series of steps. Thank you to everyone who offered to bring in apples!

## Math: 1-10 Beads Stairs

The Montessori Bead Stair is an essential tool to introduce children to the foundational concepts of counting and numbers. Serving both educational and developmental purposes, they help translate abstract mathematical ideas into tangible experiences, effectively nurturing early numeracy skills. The beads are always a favorite of the children because of their beautiful colors.





## Looking Ahead...

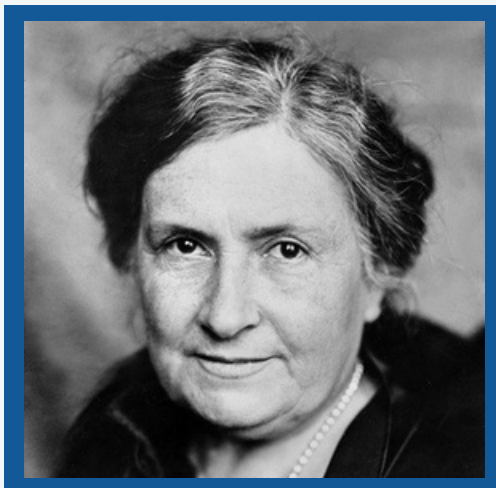
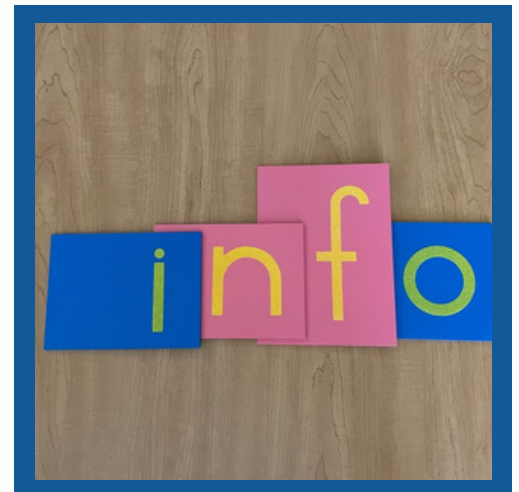
- Lifecycle and parts of a tree
- Parts of a leaf
- United Nations Day and flags of the world
- Parts and lifecycle of a pumpkin
- Bats

## More Information...

### Spanish and Music instruction days:

Spanish: Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Music: Friday at 9:50 a.m.



"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."  
~Maria Montessori

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