

Classroom Notes

January 2021

January 6, 2021

Dear parents of the Toddler Community:

Hope you and your family are doing well. Your little one is having a beautiful back to school week! They are showing a lot of independence, confidence and readiness to go back to their routine. They have been truly busy getting new lessons, enjoying new materials on the shelves and getting to know our new friend, Cecilia. We are so happy to be back to the classroom!

Due the long line that has been forming every morning to enter the school, starting tomorrow you will have the opportunity to walk your child to the door. Please, slowly park your car in any car spot you find available. Holding your child's hand, walk to the Toddler door through the court yard and encourage your little one to hold on to the handrail to go up the stairs and then, to ring the bell. Your child is already use to ring the bell every morning. A teacher then will greet him/her and conduct the morning health check at that time. After that, you are good to go.

It is important to remember to make this new transition smoothly to your child. I encourage that instead carrying your child you hold his/her hand with the back pack in their back. Once the health check is over please give a quick good bye to your little one for an easier morning routine.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Sincerely,
Valentina

January 16, 2021

Dear parents of the Toddler Community:

Hope you and your family are doing well. This week has been truly beautiful in our Environment. The children are back in track with their routine, gently taking care of their environment and showing interest of making it pretty. I have seen children getting a cloth to dry a spill of water, getting a mop to dry the floor after carrying a pitcher and picking up any material that was left behind. Your little one has also been on the look to help any younger child that may need some guidance in any aspect during the day. Drop off has become very smoothly. No more tears are seen as you say good bye to your child with the new drop off routine. Thank you so much for making the drop off go smoothly for your little one.

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his week the toddlers had the opportunity to explore and plant some seeds. As they were digging some dirt they were able to see the roots of an old plant; they found a bulb that they touched and said that it was wet and cold; to prepare two pots for new seeds and to hear about what a plant needs to grow healthy. It was an activity that they truly enjoyed. After they were done, they chose a window to keep the pots exposed to the sun light. Hopefully soon we will see some corn and garlic growing!

Your child has been enjoying to do some dancing during circle time! I have introduced a new song called "A La Víbora de la Mar", a very traditional Mexican song that requires some marching around the rug while shaking the shakers! Their bodies are so capable to do many things that the children are having the need to move it! At the end we finish with some quiet time, that gives to the children an opportunity to hear noises and sounds that happen around them.

A few notes:

As a reminder, we go outside every day. Please, keep in mind the weather. Winter has been giving the opportunity to your child to work on putting on their jacket, hat and mittens/gloves. I also recommend that you label all these belongings of your child.

If you need volunteering hours, please reply to this email and I will get back to you with a few projects I have for you (mostly is paper cutting and if you paint/draw, please, let me know!)

Our classroom is also in need of more plants. If you are out shopping and see a plant that could fit our classroom, we will truly appreciate it!

I was able to speak with some of you in person: next week I will be having my Midwinter Seminar for my Montessori Training, so I will not be in person, but I will keep an eye to my email if you have any questions. Angee Witherspoon and a substitute would be working with your little one in my absence.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Valentina

