

Mrs. Irre's May Class Notes

Dear Parents,

The days and weeks are going by at a rapid rate. At this time of year we are in full swing in the classroom and children are learning by leaps and bounds. I begin to get nostalgic knowing that some of them will graduate and move on after May 27th.

On May 27th we will celebrate our kindergarten students who will finish up their experience in the primary classroom. The details follow.

Kindergarten students will get more detailed instructions as the day gets closer. Typically we meet about fifteen minutes before the start time, but stay tuned as we solidify the plan. Everyone is invited to the ceremony at the gazebo if they would like to come and cheer the children on. I am very excited to resume our tradition of an end-of-the-year picnic on that day. It is a fun day to play and picnic as the **whole school** has an opportunity to get together. As always it is bittersweet as another school year comes to a close.

Today we had our first parent observers in class. I was so proud of your children as they showed off their amazing work habits and incredible knowledge. It was delightful having visitors. Please note, we not only invite you to come and see the class in action, we urge you to come. It is such an experience to see groups of small children so relaxed, happy, and working with such amazing materials.

You may have heard a little about our study of simple machines. The children had so much fun playing with the models. Each day we brought in a new model to explore: lever, pulley, screw, fulcrum balance, wheel and axle, inclined plane, and a wedge. The children learned that a simple machine is a mechanical device that changes the direction or magnitude of a force. In general, defined as the simplest mechanisms that use mechanical advantage to multiply force. All these little seeds we plant in our children's brains will be

things they will continue to learn about as they grow.

Speaking of seeds, we have planned an in-school opportunity Thursday afternoon with James McNeil and Stephanie Lessard-Pilon to explore flowers and pollination. We are so fortunate to have these two scientists to bring their big concepts in such a perfect way to young students. In preparation we have been reading and exploring the parts of the flower puzzle at school and children have been hearing the rich language.

There is never a dull moment in the Montessori classroom!

Friday, May 27, 2022
10:00 a.m.

The whole school is invited to attend the graduation of our kindergarten, 5th and 6th grade students at the gazebo on Main Street. There will be poetry recitations, singing, Elementary performances and more!

The Whole-School End-Of-Year Picnic will follow the graduation. Keep an eye on future News Flash newsletters for the picnic location and details.

There will be no school on Friday, May 27th!