

Mrs. Roesch and Mrs. DeMato's Classroom Notes

Dear Families,

With all of this rain, comes all of this mud! Your children have had many opportunities to work on undressing and dressing themselves this past week. Toddlers love the chance to do things on their own. No doubt you've heard your little ones say "my do it!" Dressing is multifaceted in the toddler classroom. Sometimes it is necessary, like when a child is wet from water work. Sometimes it is exploratory, like when a child develops a fascination with trying on lots of different shoes and slippers. In both cases, children have the chance to work on coordinating their movements to don and doff clothing. Watch closely as your little one holds his neck very straight to push his head through a shirt. See your little one bend their knee and cross their opposite arm to pull on a shoe. Observe the infamous Montessori coat flip! The more your child has to practice, the more he or she will gain independence and confidence in dressing. Patience is key!

Mr. Raphael Buisson has joined our class since Mrs. Charles left for her internship in school counseling. Raphael was previously a preschool teacher at the Goddard School in Millersville, Maryland. After Easter Break, **Ms. Genevieve Roesch** will also be joining our class. Ms. Roesch holds her Montessori certification at the toddler level, and has taught at LePort Montessori and Guidepost Montessori as the lead toddler teacher. Both Mr. Buisson and Ms. Roesch will be with us for the summer, as well as next fall. I will continue to be with your little ones as well!

Remember to mark your calendars for **Easter Break**. There is no school on Thursday, Friday or Monday (**April 14th - 18th**). We will be back in the classroom starting on Tuesday, April 19th.

During the month of May, we will begin classroom observations for anyone who is interested. It is a great opportunity to see what the environment is like when it is in action. Your children may want to show you their favorite work, or they might just want to sit on your lap and watch. If you would like to come observe, please send me a message so that we can coordinate a time. After a toddler observation, you will need to take your child home with you for the day. It is sometimes difficult for children to re-group once mom or dad has entered the classroom and then leaves.

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Happy Earth Day! 🌍 We are finally getting the chance to enjoy some warm weather! Flowers are popping up, bees are buzzing, ants are crawling and worms are wiggling. Your kiddos love watching the world come to life again after such a long winter. When toddlers "garden," it does not exactly look like what we typically think of gardening. There is a lot of digging and moving of dirt. You will see quite a bit of digging up plants, rather than actually planting them.

Children also like to get quite close to observe any little living things that they find crawling in the soil. When we find a worm, ladybug, stink bug or caterpillar, the children love to watch how it moves and where it may go. We do not kill these creatures outside, or in the classroom. We simply move them to a safe space when we are done observing. We do our best to live and protect all of the creatures on our planet.

Enjoy the pictures below, and our new poem!

"Bunny Poem"

1 bunny, 2 bunnies, 3 bunnies hop

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Nose twitch

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