

Miniapple Int'l Montessori March 2010 Newsletter



DIRECTOR'S NOTES

March is the end of 1/2 price, early registration. If your child will attend Miniapple in the fall of 2010, please fill out an **Application for Admission** (with both parent signatures) and return it with the \$25.00 fee before April 1st when registration will be open to our families on the waiting list. Also, be sure to fill out the summer information sheet. You will find both the summer info and Application for Admission at the sign in table.

We are accepting summer registration for our school age summer camp if you are looking for summer care for your child 6 – 10 years old. Please see Deb for more information.

Montessori Ed. Week was a lot of fun. Some of the highlights included: the Zoo Mobile introduced us to an owl, a giant African millipede, an armadillo, a tortoise and a chinchilla! Marty, from the Woodbury Library, brought a lot of fun stories and Artie shared African dance with us!

What does Montessori mean to you?

Education according to each child's interests and abilities, a place where children learn freely to love to learn. Sofia

A peaceful, respectful place for our children to learn and grow. Danielle & Tim

Learning, for working, reading, tracing, coloring, counting, food works, playing, you can look at animals. CH 2

Who is Maria Montessori?

It's Lauren, Ms. Marie???. CH 2

Dates to Remember:

March 26 - Children's Museum Field Trip

April 2 – **CLOSED** Happy Easter

April 26 – 30 – Paths to Peace

May 17 – Spring Program & Kindergarten Graduation

May 21 – Preschool Recognition



Dear Miniapple Families,

It is with heartfelt appreciation that a big thank you is due to all those who contributed towards "Help for Haiti".

I am so pleased to say that the total collection was \$2667.92 with Miniapple matching this amount, bringing the grand total to \$5335.84. This is a tax deductible donation to Worldwide Village, Inc., www.worldwidevillage.org, tax ID 412014011.

We have requested that the money be used for rebuilding schools, orphanages, medical and other needs for children. I was especially struck by the creative ways our staff, children and parents used to collect money for this worthwhile cause.

We are proud to be a part of teaching children how to grow up to be responsible and empathetic members of society who will learn at a young age to give back to others in need. "It's a small world after all"! Again, all I can say is THANK YOU DEARLY.

With Deep Appreciation,
Udi Perera
Administrator

Infant Update

Happy Spring to all of our families! As soon as the weather warms up, we will be going outside for our walks-yippee! Make sure your infant has weather appropriate coats and hats. If it warms up to 50 degrees or better, we can get outside! A big Happy 1st Birthday goes out to Ryan on the 30th! Happy Birthday to Maria, the 6th, Belinda, the 14th and Bella on the 19th!! Lots to celebrate this month!

Please make sure your infant has at least one-two sets of extra clothing in their cubby that is warm/cool enough.

Mary, Amy, Maria, Belinda and Bella

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Toddler Happenings

1 Happy St. Patrick's Day! May the luck o' the Irish be with your family this month and always! March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, so please wear green and watch the board for information on a fun St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Green symbolizes health and fitness, so the toddlers are going to focus on healthy foods, healthy bodies and exercising! On Fridays, please consider bringing in new foods (fruits and veggies are best) that your toddler or other toddlers haven't tried so we can share them with the class during morning snack. Also watch the bulletin board for a sign-up to make a fruit salad, completely prepared by the toddlers, at the end of the month.

The toddlers and teachers love having new books during circle time. Please continue to bring in books to share with the class every week!

Lastly, we will go outside as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing for going outside every day. Also, please check your child's clothing bin to make sure that he/she has appropriate clothes that still fit! Toddlers grow fast!

Happy Birthday to Ms. Jayme

-Ms. Debbie & Ms. Jayme

2 We would like to welcome Amelia and her family to our class! Ben turns 2 this month – Happy Birthday, Ben!!

Our food works will be making cinnamon toast, banana slicing and orange juicing. Thank you for all of you donations!

As the weather continues to get nicer, we will be outside as often as possible. Remember to label all clothing and thanks for having it here each day.

In French we will be learning about the weather and the different seasons. We will also be reviewing our colors, the family members, and our animal vocabulary. The toddlers are making great progress!

We have been sharing our books at group time and the teachers and toddlers are loving it! Thanks!

Ms. Sara & Ms. Marie



Children's House News

1 Happy March to everyone! Food works this month will be egg slicing, peanut cracking, nutmeg grating and muffin baking. Science works will lead us on a study of plants and the author of the month is Todd Parr.

Ms. Kiehne & Ms. Tara

2 March is here and we will enjoy "spring" time art. Our food works in Practical Life and also science will remain the same. The children are enjoying the "baking" works very much. We'll have an egg hunt on March 31st, bring in your baskets! Keep your eyes open for Conference sign up coming up in April. I am looking forward to meeting with all of you! Happy Spring!

Ms. Marie & Ms. Betsy



3 Happy Spring! Our children are amazing; we have many readers, our Spanish vocabulary is expanding, we have learned facts about farm animals, to name just a few of our new accomplishments!

This month, we will have new spring projects on our shelves.

In Science, we will be learning about our human body and senses. Our food works will be tangerine juicing, slicing cucumbers and we'll be making butterflies with celery and pretzels.

Be sure to check our bulletin board for conference sign ups and our field trip on the 26th.

Ms. Monica & Ms. Kathy

Box Tops for Education:

Congratulations to Cody Lockhart, our February book winner! Please save your box tops for MIM. Write your child's name on the back for our monthly book drawing.

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4 Happy March Everyone! Our class wants to get ready for spring - we will start planting indoors and outside on the window! We will learn about life the cycles of seeds, reptiles and amphibians. Food work will change to; making lemonade, nut cracking, and toasting bagels. Children will also be busy making bird feeders as well as dying eggs in art!

By the end of this month (if not earlier) Ms. Manny will be joining Ms. Maggie for the rest of the school year as I will be leaving on my maternity leave.

I look forward to seeing you all at conferences. Have a great spring!

- Ms. Prarthana, Ms. Maggie & Ms. Manny

When you "catch" someone going out of their way to assist you or another, being kind, selfless and caring, please fill out a "Caught You" (any slip of paper) and place it in the tuition box and we'll share it in the newsletter.

CAUGHT YOU:

Thank you Katie for the fun art project you shared with us!

From: Deb

Hats off to Belinda for being a great helper and support on February 16th! You do a great job.

From: Ms. Marie

Thank you Oakley & Leonard for donation wooden puzzles and stacking toys and for all your help with our toddler science shelf!

From: Ms. Debbie

Thank you for helping us keep up with the shoveling, Kent!

Abbey made and sold cookies to raise money for the Haiti fund. She sold \$160.00 – WOW!

Oakdale MIM families contributed \$620.00 which was matched by MIM for a total of \$1240.00 to help Haiti! Way to go everyone!

MIM will offer Scholastic Books monthly. You will find the order forms in your child's cubby mid-month. You may fill out the paper copy and put it in the tuition box with your payment to "Scholastic" or order on line at:

www.scholastic.com/bookclubs

User Name: miniapple

Password: oakdale

Miniapple Yoga Class

What: Yoga class

Who: Preschool Friends (4 & up)

When: Friday, 12:45-1:30

Classes: March 12 – April 30, 2010
(7 sessions)

Cost: \$49

Yoga Registration Form

Child's

Name: _____

Parent's

Name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Office use only:

Fee paid: _____

Check# _____