



Miniapple Int'l Montessori-Roseville

February 2012 Newsletter

From the Director's Chair:

Montessori Education week is February 27–March 2. We have planned a parent/child work time, an Italian lunch in honor of Maria Montessori, and a pajama day to start the week. We will post sign-up sheets for the lunch and other activities.

Thanks to all the families that were able to attend the Montessori & Kindergarten information Night. There was a good turn out and we hope that the information was helpful to you. Please let us know if you have any other questions about that night. Kindergarteners receive a 10% discount off their tuition.

We are always have trouble with items being labeled, so with the help of one of our parents (Rob Bauer). We have partnered with SIGN*A*RAMA to have a name label program. There is an order form for the label program on the last page of the newsletter or stop by the office to pick up an order form.

February is also the beginning of our fall and summer registration period. Fall re-registration is required on an annual basis. Your child will be considered enrolled for fall when we have received a completed application for each child (with two parent signatures when applicable) and a \$25.00 application fee per family. We will offer this ½ price registration fee (regularly \$50.00) through the end of March for currently enrolled children. Application for Admission forms will be located on the sign-in table.

It's tax time again, our tax ID# is 41-1675091. Please let us know if you would like a statement of your tuition paid for 2010.

New & Notes: The preschool children have a fieldtrip to the Children's Museum on the 8th for \$9. Sign-up sheets are posted on the boards. Miniapple will be closed Mon. 2/20 for a President's Day staff inservice.

Chris & Cindy





Infant House I

January was definitely a fast paced month! We have had a lot of sick babies with ear infections and respiratory illnesses. Simple colds went from being a runny nose and loose bowels that turned into ear infections and a terrible cough. We all have to do our part in keeping the group healthy even if this means you need to have a backup plan for someone to stay home with your child. The child is usually most infectious before the onset of a fever. We send them home as soon as it reaches 101.0 F. We cannot stress the importance of keeping your child home when they are ill and ask that you keep them home until they are WELL!

We are still dealing with lots of runny noses so if you would donate a couple boxes of tissue, it is greatly appreciated! It is easier to have a communal box of tissues rather than a whole bunch with separate names on them.

We would like to welcome two new babies that are both three months old this month; Emily Lee and Charlie Anderson.

We only have a few of our babies' pictures! If you have not already, please bring in a 5x7 photo that we may use to display your child and/or family on our "Baby Wall". When your child moves up we will return it to you, thank you!

Again, if you have any questions, just ask!

Tricia, Kristi, and Michelle



Infant House II



This month, both Liam and Malcolm will be transitioning into the Toddler room. We will miss them so much, but are excited for them to experience new adventures with the Toddlers.

Last month a lot of the babies ended-up getting sick with either respiratory illnesses or ear infections. This is the time of year when a lot of them tend to get sick, so please keep a watchful eye on them. As always, please make sure that your child is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications before bringing them back to school. We want to make sure we keep everyone in the room healthy. In addition, if your emergency contact numbers change, please make sure to let us know so that we have the correct updated information on your child's emergency cards.

An important date to remember and mark on your calendars this month is February, 20th. The Teachers have our staff In-service day that day, so the school will be closed all day.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to email, call, or talk to me in person.

-Marie, Sarah, and Nicole

Toddler House I



Well hello again and Happy Valentine's Day to one and all. We will be having a Valentine's Day party on Tues., Feb. 14th. If you would like, you may bring in valentines/treats for your child's friends. Please address the valentine "To my Friend" - we have 22 children in our room. Also, feel free to join our party starting around 9:15. We'll be passing out our valentines, playing a game, and drinking pink milk-YUM! We are also planning a pizza party lunch for that day. If you'd like your child to participate, please bring in \$3.00 cash.

Just a reminder, Miniapple will be closed Mon. Feb. 20th for a staff in-service. We'll be celebrating Montessori Education the week of Feb. 27 - Mar. 2. We'll have special activities planned this week; A parent/child work time, a pajama day and an Italian lunch in honor of Maria Montessori.

BIRTHDAY ALERT:

Ms. Ashley	2/6	The "BIG" 21!
Clara	2-8	The "BIG" 2!
Olive	2-13	The "BIG" 2!
Elsa	2/25	The "BIG" 2!

Happy Birthday everyone!

We would like to welcome Liam, Malcom and their families to our room. We look forward to getting to know you all.

As always, if there's any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to talk with us at anytime.

Lisa, Annessa, Morgan, Ashley & Morgan



Toddler House II



This month is full of hearts for our Valentine fun. On Tuesday, February, 14th will be having our Valentine's Day party. You may bring cards/treats to share with your friends. I will put a list of names out for you to address the envelopes. It always adds to the fun if the children are dressed in red, pink, or white for that day. We will be having a pizza lunch to top off the day. If you want your child to join us for pizza that day please pay \$3.00 cash to me before that day.

Welcome to Marissa and her family to our classroom. We also say "Goodbye" to Ethan, who will be moving to our Minneapolis location.

Please remember to label all food containers, blankets, extra clothes, and your child's winter gear as well.

Also, please be watching the bulletin board for information about Montessori Education Week which is February 27-March 2.

Jane





Thanks to all of you have been saving Box Top labels for us. As an incentive for the children to participate in this program, we hold a monthly drawing for a new scholastic book to given to one child each month. Just put the name of your child on the back of the box top and we will draw one name from the labels collected each month. The winner we be announced in the newsletter. The drop-off box is located on the desk in the front lobby.

Congratulations to Nicole Ernst , the Box Top for Education book winner for the month of February.



Children's House II

We are very happy to welcome Elizabeth and Alyson to our class!!!

It's time for annual celebration of Montessori Education Week from Feb. 27th to March 2nd. We love to celebrate and honor Dr. Maria Montessori and her work. She believed the way to peace was through the children. She created materials that will teach them to become independent and successful in all aspects of their lives. During the week we will special activities that will include

a Italian themed lunch and the North Suburban Senior Chorus. Please check out the board for more details.



On Tuesday, Feb. 14th we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Please wear red, white or pink that day. We will have a pizza lunch for \$3 (cash only, please). You can give the money to Mary Jo or me. If your child would like to pass out Valentine's they can address them to "To My Friend". We have 22 children in our room.

Our children are doing an amazing job. They are progressing and moving up to more challenging material. I am very happy for our kindergarteners who are doing great!!

Thank you families for the opportunity of working with the greatest kids on earth.

Hopefully we'll get more snow to play in and enjoy soon. Even without the snow we are still trying to get outside and play, so please make sure to send snow pants, boots, hats and waterproof mittens every day.

A new donation sheet is posted on the board, please sign-up if you're interested in contibuting.

Thank you very much for all of your support
&
Happy Valentine's Day

Veronica & Mary Jo





Children's House III

Happy February! This month we will be having a Valentine's Day party on Tuesday Feb. 14th. You may bring valentine's to pass to the other children, we have 20 friends. We will also be having a pizza lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet posted outside the classroom, please pay \$3 to Nou or I.

The last week in February is Montessori Education week! Throughout the week we will be having different activities. One afternoon you will be able to come in the classroom with your child! This is a great way to see what your child has been working on in the classroom. All activities and information will be posted outside the classroom.

The shelves will also be changing this month. We will have different Practical Life jobs, food jobs, science, and art. A donation list will be posted outside the classroom for donations. Thank you to everyone for donating!

We are still going outside when the temperature is warm enough. Please check

to make sure your child has the appropriate clothing: outside gloves (waterproof), boots, hat, snow-pants, and coats. Please make sure all your child's clothing in labeled. Thank You!

Please remember to check the board outside the classroom for information and events. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know!

Have a Great Month –Ms. Jaci & Ms. Nou



Dates to Remember

Wed. Feb. 1st - Early Fall Registration Begins (\$25 per family)

Wed. Feb. 8th - Children's Museum Field Trip

Tues., Feb. 14th - Valentine's Day

Mon. Feb. 20th President's Day - Miniapple Closed

Feb. 27 - March 2 - Montessori Education Week



Children's House IV

Wow! January flew by really fast. We've been going outside as much as possible. Please, make sure that your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing: boots, waterproof mittens, snow-pants, hats, coats, etc...

A few things will change on our shelves this month. You will see some Practical life and art activities that have to do with Valentine's Day. Our Food jobs will be Strawberry slicing, Clementine peeling, and Oatmeal. YUM, YUM, YUM--Donations of these items are greatly appreciated. Some of our science activities will change as well.

We ask you to focus some of your time at home on helping your child learn the phonetic sounds of each letter. This will help the great progress they've made already this school year. We also, ask that you encourage your child to DO things on their own at home--for example, putting on outdoor clothing, underwear, pants, socks, and feeding themselves. We know that every child is capable of doing these things on their own and will feel great pride and satisfaction when they accomplish them. Gaining independence is something we want to instill in each child.



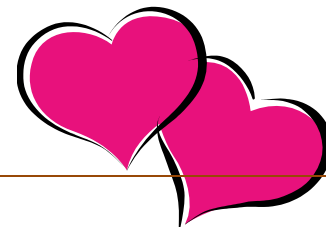
Another thing that you can do to help out the classroom is to return any items that your child may bring home- for example: a cube of the pink tower, a golden bead bar, spindle, etc... The children see these small items as treasures. So, it is natural that they would want them for themselves. Thank you for your help with these things.

On Tuesday the 14th, we will have a Valentine's party. You may bring in Valentine's to pass with the others in the class. We have 20 friends in our class. We also have Pizza lunch this day.....Please, give \$3.00 cash to Cindy or I.

The last week in February is Montessori Education week! This week will be filled with fun and exciting activities for your child. One of them is an afternoon with you!!!! This will give you a chance to see and experience what your child does in the class every day. Other activities will be posted in the hall outside of the classroom.

If you have any questions or concerns please let either of us know--

---Ms. Vanessa & Ms. Cindy



Montessori Education Week

Mon., 2/27 - Pajama Day

On Monday, Feb. 28th, we will have Pajama Day. We will enjoy a movie and popcorn.

Tues., 2/28 - AFTERNOON OF PRESENTATIONS



On Tuesday, March 1st from 4:00pm-6:00pm, you are welcome to join your child in their classroom as they show you the Montessori materials they know. They will be giving you a “presentation” on the work, just like they receive from their teacher. You will see some of the amazing work they have done and you’ll be able to see exactly what they have been talking about. This a fun time for parents to be involved in their child’s learning, and you might learn some new things yourself!

Wed., 2/29 What Does Montessori Mean to You?

On Wed. March 2nd, we will interview the children/adults about what being a part of a Montessori environment means to them.

Thurs., 3/1- Italian Feast!



To celebrate Montessori Education Week, we will be having an Italian Feast on Thurs. March 3rd. This meal will be catered by Chianti Grill, and the cost is \$3 per child/adult. We also encourage everyone to wear green, red

and white to celebrate Italian-born Dr. Maria Montessori!

Fri., 3/2- North Suburban Chorus

On Friday, March 4th, we will enjoy a special performance of the North Suburban Senior Citizen Chorus at 10:00



Name Label Program Order Form

We have partnered with **SIGN*A*RAMA** to offer you a name label program. If you are interested in ordering labels, please see your center director for an order form or feel free to make a copy of this form.

Miniapple International Montessori

Name Label Program

Label Styles

<p>Super qty: _____</p> <div style="background-color: #0000FF; color: white; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid white; display: inline-block;"> C Child's Name </div> <p>1" by 1.75" laminated label qty=40 per sheet</p>	<p>Standard qty: _____</p> <div style="background-color: #FF00FF; color: white; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid white; display: inline-block;"> A Child's Name </div> <p>.4" by 1.75" laminated label qty=80 per sheet</p>	<p>Economy qty: _____</p> <div style="border: 1px solid white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> Child's Name </div> <p>.5" by 1" throw away label, used one color qty=150 per sheet</p>
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Colors

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DARK GREEN	DARK RED	RED
PALE BLUE	PALE PINK	GOLD
APPLE GREEN	YELLOW	BLACK
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CHILD'S NAME (PLS PRINT)

NAME

PHONE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MINIAPPLE INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI.