



Miniapple International Montessori

Summer Newsletter 2010

Directors' Notes

We are so excited to have begun our summer session here at MIM. There are so many fun things going on here at school and in each children's house. Please remember to check outside of your child's classroom for updates, notes and reminders.

- Please update your child's extra clothes boxes. We would like to have at least two summer outfits, underwear, and socks (for the activity room)
- Field Trips-Please check the calendar for our summer field trips. We will visit Gibbs Farm on June 15th, in July we will go to Dodge Nature Center, and in August we will tour the Firefighters Museum. Sign ups will be posted outside of the children's houses.
- Soccer days are Wednesdays, beginning June 16th. The class lists are posted on the office door and outside your child's classroom.

During the summer, Najat takes a break from teaching French. She will be resuming French classes in the fall.

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 7th: School Age Program begins

June 15th: Field Trip to Gibb's Farm

June 16th: Soccer begins

July 5th: MIM Closed for July 4th Holiday

July 23rd: Field Trip to Dodge Nature Center

August 26th: Field Trip to Firefighter's Museum

August 26th: Last day of summer session

August 27th: MIM Closed for In-service

September 1st: Fall session begins

September 6th: MIM Closed-Labor Day

Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Lee

Toddler Room

Hello Toddler parents! The school year is almost over. Time went so quickly! Thank you for participating in the Spring program and potluck. We all enjoyed it so much. There are going to be a few changes in the Toddler room this summer. You will still get our "Toddler Talk" every day but Thursday. Reshma and Crystal will take Thursday afternoons during nap time to plan the activities for the upcoming week. We will write an overview of the day on our white board outside the classroom. Please let us know if you would like more information on those days. Zoe and Priya are going to take the summer off and they will join us again in the fall. Larissa is moving to a different school which is much more convenient to her home, she has been traveling an hour each way to get here. We say a sad goodbye but wish Larissa good luck. We welcomed Ilsa in the toddler room and will welcome two new friends in June, Frederick and Kira. Happy 2nd Birthday to Beckett on July 2nd and Liam on August 9th. If you have any questions, please talk to me or Crystal.

Reshma &

Crystal





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Children's House One

This month we will be saying a sad goodbye to our friends Erin, Maiya and Sam. We wish you the best at your new school. Thank you for letting your child be a part of our lives. Ms. Renee's classroom is closing for the summer to be used as the School Age classroom. Some of her friends will be joining us. We are looking forward to it. In June we will also welcome a few new friends, Eleanor Tracy and Luka Marahrens, and in July, we will welcome Maya Miller.

We are excited to have some new friends join CH1! We are planning on having some fun this summer with a lot of outdoor and indoor activities. We will still have our Montessori work time as well. Let's enjoy our summer!

Thank you so much for sharing your favorite books. We will take a break from it over the summer and start it again this fall. Every Tuesday afternoon we will be going to the library for story time. The librarian asks in advance what theme we are focusing on that week and plan many fun activities for the children around that theme. We can't wait! Hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Wangmo & Najat

Children's House Two

Thanks for a great school year! It's been such a pleasure serving you and your child this past year. As you all know, CH2 will become the School Age room for the summer months while Lara attends the Montessori Training Course. Renee will be around until the baby is near, doing miscellaneous jobs and filling in for staff vacations. We wish you a fun, safe summer and are looking forward to meeting up with you in the fall!

Renee and Lara

Children's House 3

It is hard to believe that another school year is behind us. We have had so much fun in Children's House 3 this past year. We have really enjoyed watching your children grow and learn to make friends and take care of themselves and each other.

In June we welcome friends from CH2 and a couple of new friends, Laurana Hill and Madeline Lemmer. In July we will welcome Katerina Krysan and in August we will welcome Oliver Stevens. As always, it is hard to say goodbye to our graduates, but there is always some consolation knowing that many of our children will be back in the fall. We want to say "good luck" to those that are moving on and to everyone, have a happy, safe and fun summer!

Andrew & Elyn

Children's House Four

We are gearing up for a summer of outdoor fun. Along with a shortened Montessori work period, we will go on nature walks, visit Marcy Park, garden, walk the St. Lawrence Labyrinth, visit the library, go swimming at Van Cleve Park, create an observation journal and anything else that strikes our fancy.

Look for upcoming opportunities to be involved in the CH4 community through storytelling, talking about your work, hobby, or travels, caring for the garden on the weekend or bringing in food, books or board games.

Stop by and join in the fun any time!

Erica and Jamila



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MUSIC

The program was a success! The children did such a wonderful job! Thank you parents and teachers for helping make this as grand as it was. And now, we breathe. The hustle and bustle of program preparation has dwindled back to the weekly grind. We finish May off with an introduction to folk and Bob Dylan (complete with a "Peace Parade" around the playground as we sang "Give Peace a Chance" by John Lennon). Next week we delve into dynamics (volume) and notation, plus turning the Discovery Room into a Jazz club, complete with a scat band made up of only children scatting away to improv Jazz. Scwee-doo-be-bop-a-day!

Peter



French

Bonjour! Our French classes will take a break for the summer but you don't need to take a break from speaking French. I hope that during the summer, parents and children can both work on what we learned during this school year, so we can start our fall session knowing the basics. For example: greet each other in French, during meals, play a game: "qu'est-ce que c'est?" (what's this?) and name all kinds of food. You can also name animals you see and read easy French stories and sing

en français bien sûr. Merci à toutes les familles et je vous souhaite un bon été. Avec toutes mes amitiés.
Najat

SCHOOL AGE

We have a lot of fun activities planned for the summer! We have already booked some of our field trips. They are: The Raptor Center, Gibbs Farm, Como Zoo, Strawberry picking, Saints Game, Mill City Museum, Dodge Nature Center, bowling, Bakken Museum, Bell Museum, Mini-golfing, farmers market, Van Cleve pool, Mpls. Institute of Arts, Firefighter Museum, Swedish Institute, papermaking at Open Book, Wild Rumpus, MIM carnival.....and much more! Our calendars will be posted outside CH2.



SUMMER THEMES

Throughout the summer, we will have weekly themes. Each classroom chose two weeks where they picked a theme and planned activities for the school. Please see the attached calendar for our exciting weeks ahead!

If you have anything your family would like to share during any of these weeks, please let Lee or let your teacher know. We will be asking for parent volunteers during our Career Week, July 26-30th. We will have a sign up for parents to volunteer their time and share their profession with us. We can't wait!



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GOODBYE GRADUATES!

Thank you for letting Miniapple be a part of your lives. We will miss each and every one of you! We hope you have a wonderful summer and much success in your new schools. Thank you to all our families who have been so giving and supportive of your child's education. We hope you stop in and visit us soon!

Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future.

-Dr. Maria

Montessori

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Our June employee of the month is **Peter!** Other nominees include William, Wangmo, Lee and Lara. Thank you all for voting! We appreciate all our teachers so much and love when our parents do too.



“Paths to Peace “: Food and Fund Drive

Thank you for your generous donations to our Second Harvest "Paths to Peace Food and Fund Drive". We collected 236 pounds of food and \$206. This equals 928 meals for those in need! Your support is greatly appreciated.