



Miniapple International Montessori Summer Newsletter 2009

Directors' Notes

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

We would love to welcome Wangmo Brandli to Children's House One! We are sad to see Angel move to Chicago, and she will be greatly missed. Please welcome Wangmo to our school beginning June 8th.

- Please update your child's extra clothes boxes. We would like to have at least two summer outfits, underpants, and socks.
- Field Trips-Please check the calendar for our summer field trips. We will visit Gibbs Farm on June 16th, in July we will go to Dodge Nature Center, and in August we will tour the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Sign ups will be posted outside of the children's houses.
- Soccer days are Thursdays, beginning June 18th. The class lists will be posted on the office door.
- During the summer, Najat takes a break from teaching French. She will be resuming French class in the fall.

• **IMPORTANT DATES:**

June 8th: School Age Program begins

June 16th: Field Trip to Gibb's Farm

June 18th: Soccer begins

June 24th: Splash day

July 3rd: MIM Closed for July 4th Holiday

July 21st: Splash day

August 13th: Splash day

August 26th: MIM Olympics

August 27th: Last day of summer session

August 28th: MIM Closed for Inservice

September 1st: Fall session begins

September 7th: MIM Closed-Labor Day

Please let me know if there is anything you need.

Lee

wish you the best. Goodbye my dear friends.

-Angel

Toddler Room

Hello Toddler parents: I can't believe it's the end of the school year. Time went very fast. We are going to have a nice summer session. Our June calendar is full of fun activities. We will talk about ducks, sea animals, summer fruits, and of course Father's Day. Around the 4th of July, we will talk about fireworks. Makai, Nolan, Addison and Maya will not be joining us this summer, but returning in the fall. We wish good luck to Nico, moving to CH1 this month, and we welcome Samaya and Madeline to the Toddler room. Please label everything; hats, jacket, lunch containers, and don't forget to cut grapes, hotdogs, and cherry tomatoes in half. If your child is not coming to school, please let us know.

Thank you! Reshma &

Julene



Goodbye from Angel

After working at Miniapple for 9 years, I realized that it was a very important part of my life. Me and my kids have learned and grown so much everyday, and most importantly, I've enjoyed so much with all of you. I am thankful for the wonderful experience at MIM. It's has been my pleasure knowing you and the children. With my new adventure in Chicago, I will surely pack up all my MIM memories to share with my new friends there. I will miss you all, and I

Children's House One

The summer at MIM is always fun! As usual, there will be a lot of outdoor time, special projects, seasonal themes, and Montessori work time. CH 1 will still share Coco the Bear on his journey to visit everyone's houses. Ms. Wangmo will start on June 8th to work with Ms. Angel and Ms. Najat. Besides



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saying goodbye to Ms. Angel in June, we will be saying goodbye to more friends throughout the summer. We would like to wish everyone luck and fun on their new adventures!

Angel, Najat & Wangmo

Children's House Two

As the song goes: "June, July, and August: these are summer months. When learning is fun and fun is learning." What's in store for Children's House Two this summer? Art projects, walks to Marcy Park, playing in the sprinkler, nature walks, music, board games, and spontaneity. We will of course have our Montessori work periods to keep us grounded.

How can you help? Well, we have a list of items recycled from our homes to collect:

- Seeds, beans etc.. for a seed mosaic.
- Egg cartons
- Fresh flowers for arranging
- Glass jars
- Mismatched socks for puppets
- Ribbon
- Pretty paper
- Paper towel or wrapping paper tubes
- Brown grocery bags
- Fabric or yarn scraps

Also items from nature, appropriate children music and board games are welcome for children to bring in to share with friends. (Please refrain from sending toys to school.)

Renee's hours for summer will be 8-3:45 Monday-Thursday. We will keep you updated as to any vacation days we schedule. We ask that you also keep us informed of your child's absences with a note on the clipboard or a call in the morning. A school wide calendar is provided displaying weekly themes of study.

If any parent is interested in spending time in the environment this summer, please speak with Renee to arrange a time and activity.

As always, please feel welcome to express any concerns, ask questions or give suggestions via our classroom clipboard or by calling Renee during her scheduled hours on the Miniapple line:612-378-9375.

We are looking forward to a fun filled summer. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve you and your child.

Renee and Sahnaj



Children's House 3

Thank you for a wonderful school year! The spring program and graduation ceremonies were a big success. It is always very sad to see kids leave but, it is also exciting to see them grow and move on to Kindergarten and first grade.

This summer Children's House 3 will become the school age room, as Kaisie is adopting her first child, Samuel and will be taking most of the summer off to be with him. The children from our room will move into the classrooms that they have been visiting every afternoon this year. For the children who have been napping all year, Lee has assigned them a room and we will post them soon. If you have any questions please let me know at kaisie1@hotmail.com or (612)229-9423.

**Have a wonderful summer!
Kaisie and Peter**

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 and anything else that strikes our fancy.



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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



Electronic Newsletter
Starting this fall, I will be asking for your email addresses so our newsletter can be sent to you, instead of using a lot of paper. We are also updating our website and the newsletter will be available there as well.



SUMMER THEMES

Throughout the summer, we will have weekly themes. Each classroom chose two weeks where they will choose a theme and plan activities for the school. So far, some themes

are:

Ethiopia, Under the Sea, Food from Around the World, Insects, The 4 Seasons, Artistic Styles, India, Tibet, and Career Week. If you have any thing your family would like to share during any of these weeks, please let Lee or your teacher know.

GOODBYE GRADUATES!

Thank you for letting Miniapple be a part of your lives. We will miss you all! We hope you have a wonderful summer and much success! 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