

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe that we have come just about to the end of our circle once again. May certainly seemed to fly by. In **Math** many Second Years are completing their Subtraction sequence and Thirds, their Multiplication. Seconds have completed their clock work, and Thirds have been diligently working on fractions from many angles. They will be completing their fraction work with a flipbook "tool" which they are making for fractional equivalences. Speaking of angles, **Geometry** has also brought many of the Third Years to being more proficient with the use of a protractor. And the Seconds have moved past triangles and quadrilaterals to the realm of the many-sided-figures. The children have also progressed in **Grammar**. The Seconds' Preposition books have arrived home, and the Thirds are bringing home a rather impressive book of Pronoun work. Thirds are currently working with Conjunctions which help to make their written sentences much more complex and interesting. We'll throw in the fun last grammar group, Interjections, next week. ("Wow!")

We hope all the mothers enjoyed their day and their gift on **Mother's Day**. The children were so excited to give them to you. As you might well imagine, they put *much* time, effort, and of course, love into them.

Our **Spell-a-thon** was a great success, and the children were very excited about participating in it. They did a good job on some very tough words! We thank you all for your extremely generous support of this fundraiser.

Our **Spring Concert** was spectacular! The children worked so hard on it, and you can see now why they were very excited to have you come and hear them perform. Thank you so much to everyone who sent cookies or helped with the chairs afterwards. Also, it's not too late to order a copy of the **photo** of the Chorus and all their props (on display at the refreshment table). A great keepsake! Just let us know if you would like one if you didn't already sign up the day of the Concert. The copies will be made this week.

In **Cultural** we have we have focused entirely on the **Timeline of Life**. An amazing journey through evolution it is. As Maria Montessori frequently said, learning is not contained just in the classroom. So off we went on our field trip to the Math Science Nucleus to experience "Dinosaur Magic," an exciting, hands-on presentation and workshop all about dinosaurs. It was certainly a morning they will not soon forget! Thank you to all the parents who drove for this trip.

Of course most of our experience of **Evolution** took place in our classroom as we made our way through the interwoven stories and fossils of the Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic Eras, and then continued on to that last tiny sliver of time when people have populated the earth. One student kept staring at it and then to the many feet of the rest of the timeline and, with a little gasp, exclaimed, "It's so small!" Indeed it is. We have seen now how all living things have been and continue to be *connected*. We have, indeed, talked about a number of lofty ideas including how, with the evolution of Life moving to People, there is now a new sphere of *Knowing*, alongside the spheres of Land and Water, Atmosphere, and the Biospheres. Not only has there come to be people who have the ability for reflective thought which can take them into the past and the future, but also Life is now permeated with Love. Maria Montessori, in all her wisdom and insight, knew that children are more than ready and should be given all of this knowledge. This is most definitely proven to me every time I have the privilege of teaching the Timeline of Life.

So, as in all of Evolution, nothing ever stops, and we will be busy right up to the end. Less than 2 weeks to go, but there are some

- Upcoming Events -

about which you should know.

We will celebrate all the **summer birthdays** on **Tuesday, June 11th**, with a pizza lunch party at Mountain Mike's on Harder near the fire station (we will walk there), and then have root beer floats later on in the afternoon.

Our other special event for the Third Years will of course be our **Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall. We will also enjoy a potluck dinner together after the ceremony. More details coming soon.

One other note to all of you. We were so happy to give you the news last week of finally securing a place for MCH Elementary to continue next year. It has been a very difficult and stressful two months for everyone. Getting through it all could not have been possible without the heartfelt support we received from all of our MCH families. We are so grateful for everything you have said to us and done for us. It truly kept us going. Thank you so very, very much. We now look forward with optimism to our new school year.

So to all of you, we thank you for all the time and effort you have put into your child's educational experience throughout this past year. You know, of course, we could not possibly begin to do any of this on our own. It is enormously gratifying for us to witness the successes the children have achieved, and because of that and the parents

they have, to know the successes that await them further down the path. For the Seconds, we look forward to seeing you again in September in our new location! And as the Thirds move on, we wish you well and hope you will keep in touch. It has been a pleasure to have you with us. May you have a safe and very enjoyable summer ahead of you.

Sincerely,

June Calendar:

Saturday, June 1st - 3rd Years Family Field Trip to the Jelly Belly Factory, Fairfield

Monday, June 3rd - last day for Book Orders

Friday, June 7th - last Sharing Day (theme: "my best trip ever" - bring 1 or 2 photos)

Tuesday, June 11th - Summer birthdays celebration at Mountain Mike's

Thursday, June 13th - last day of school - minimum day - dismissal at 12 noon

*note: Day Care closes at 5 p.m.

Third Year Graduation, 5:30 p.m.