

**MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE OF HAYWARD
OCTOBER -NEWSLETTER**



“The Hands are the Instruments of Man’s Intelligence”.
– Dr.Maria Montessori

Dear Families,

We hope everyone's fall season is off to a wonderful start. As the days get shorter and the weather begins to change, we are keeping them very busy at school. The children are settling into their new environment and learning the daily routines of our curriculum alongside their friends. We have exciting events planned for the month of October. Also I would like to thank you all for the school supplies and donations of construction papers and cleaning supplies, as well as your valuable, motivational and energetic Yelp feedback. Thank you all again.

It is hard to believe that October has arrived!! Time seems to move quickly once school begins. There is so much interest and hands-on activity in every area of the classroom. Individualizing activities for different ages and abilities support our children in learning to the next level. Our observations are also built into activities to help easily track progress, record notes and share with the families.

**In Practical Life: the children are busy pouring, tonging, twisting and manipulating a variety of materials; enjoying their own snack with a friend to develop the social skills. They are working on taking care of themselves with the dressing frames (Zipping, snap, buttonings) and taking care of the environment by dusting shelves and cleaning up after snack and lunch. Practical life lessons always make it easy to engage with children and build relationships with teachers.
SPECIAL ACTIVITY: Pumpkin washing , painting and carving**

In Math :a variety of counting activities are being put to good use. 1-10 quantity and symbol work (numeral recognition), teens, counters and the bead stairs have all been introduced. Counting is our children’s favorite activity.

In Sensorial: the pink tower, broad stair (brown prism), red rods and cylinder work are favorites for building and comparison. We began our study of the five

senses last week beginning with the sense of touch,taste,smell and will continue with sight, hearing, using the sensorial materials to isolate each sense.(Example: apple tasting on Johnny appleased birthday on 9/26)

In Geography: we have introduced land, air and water as elements of the Earth and have added the land and water globe to this area of the classroom,beginning our study of the seven continents and the world map. You may be hearing continental songs sung by the children at home. This month Continent is NORTH AMERICA

Science: activities include categorizing living and nonliving things,magnet and non magnet. In botany we move on to Seed, harvest, and the life cycle of pumpkins.

Zoology: Farm animals (Domestic)

History: Columbus Day-Children will learn about the spanish ships Nina,La Pinta and Santa Maria.

In Language: along with the sound of the week, children are working visual matching activities, classifying objects and pictures, sorting objects, discussing opposites, labeling picture cards and the environment. These activities along with patterning, association cards and sequence cards are some of the pre-reading activities. In handwriting, children are practicing pencil control with the metal inset work.

Please Note: During rainy days, when the children are coming to school with their rain boots, please make sure to bring the pair of shoes for in class. Rain boots are for outside only as well as it will harm the children's feet if they are wearing them the whole day.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

OCTOBER 3rd	: Fire truck visit at 11:00 am
OCTOBER 10th	: Librarian visit at 10:30 am
OCTOBER 14th	: Columbus Day (Craft activity)
OCTOBER 15th	: Picture day (Fall)
OCTOBER 18th	: Parent teacher conference -No School, Child care is available,
OCTOBER 28th	: Pumpkin Patch (Internal)
OCTOBER 31st	: Halloween Parade at 11:00 am (No Masks/No weapons/ No Super Heroes)