



Montessori Children's House of Hayward

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Dear Parents,

September Social Facts: Whole Body Listening!

Thank you for your precious time to attend our back-to-school night. It was wonderful to meet you all. Welcome to a new school year! We are looking forward to a great year. Our goal is to engage your child's natural curiosity and provide them with exciting learning opportunities with our Montessori monthly themes, to become a lifelong independent learner. Not only will your child learn in an interactive environment, they'll also gain newfound independence as they explore each month's new theme through hands-on activities and creative projects.

We want your child to have a wonderful preschool experience. We are looking forward to a busy and successful year. The purpose of these monthly newsletters is to keep you informed about what your child is doing in school and to update you about upcoming events. This month we are concentrating on establishing routines and expectations. By the time of our first parent conference in October, we will have a good idea of where your child is skill-wise and behavior-wise, and how s/he should be guided through the year.

Our lesson plans are designed specifically for young minds with hands-on activities that encourage multi-sensory learnings in all seasons.

Every day, the children will be directed through the practical life: these activities help our children learn how to care for themselves and their environment. It helps the child to become more independent, leading to greater self-confidence, and to face new challenges and indirectly prepare children for writing and reading.

Sensorial: Activities often include matching and sorting: The idea behind sensorial learning is to ensure children develop the ability to sort, classify and differentiate based on their senses of sight, sound, touch, taste and smell.

Mathematics: By engaging with hands-on activities, they learn how to identify numbers, and learn how to count. Initial explorations with sensorial materials encourage our children to understand basic math concepts such as number recognition, counting and sequencing numbers. Children use number rods, counters, colored beads, and spindle boxes.

Language: Being able to communicate effectively is an essential part of a child's development. The exercises in the Montessori curriculum are meant to increase a child's vocabulary, foster oral communication, and improve both reading and writing skills through hands-on activities. Children learn how to identify letter phonic sounds using sandpaper letters.

Afternoons are more relaxed with a focus on cultural materials. This highlights the need for young children to learn about their community, culture and their world. This month we are studying fish, parts of fish, types of fish with diagrams in zoology, leaf, parts of a leaf, fall color leaves, types of leaves with diagrams in botany, and in geography we will study about the different landforms and begin with Africa and their culture, food and flag in our study of the continents.

Our special interest for September is the study of apples and all about me which will create an enjoyable learning experience for children this fall. We will be talking about the different apple varieties and learning and reading about a very special person called **Johnny Appleseed.**

Thank you,
Montessori Children's House of Hayward Staff

September 2023 Calendar

Monday, September 4th	Labor Day, no school
Tuesday, September 5th	Preschool first day of school.
Tuesday, September 26th	Johnny Appleseed's Birthday: Special arts and craft and readings

