

Highlights of the Week

Dear families,

As I write this last Scribbles I look back at this school year and at all the progresses that our children have made and I am very proud of them!

Almost half of the group will move to a Pre-primary class in the Summer or in the Fall: I am very positive that they will do great but at the same time I know that I will miss them.

Even if the Summer will change your routine and your schedule, do not forget that you can continue all the Montessori work at home, too by following this tips:

- **CREATE AN ORDERED ENVIRONMENT:** Having a place for everything, on a child-friendly scale, encourages both independence and self-discipline. Children know where to find what they need, and where to put it when they're done. An ordered environment also has fewer distractions, allowing children to focus on the task at hand.
- **TEACH REAL-LIFE SKILLS:** Montessori students are taught to take care of themselves and their classroom and to be helpful to others. Having your child help at home can bring similar rewards. Take the time to teach each skill separately and to repeat the lesson as needed. Each task your child masters adds to his confidence and self-esteem.
- **PROMOTE CONCENTRATION:** While your child's work environment should be free of distraction, it doesn't have to be away from family activity. Some children prefer working at the kitchen table or reading in a cozy corner of the living room to holing up in a bedroom or study. Observe your child's response to various environments, ask questions, and make adjustments as needed.
- **NURTURE INNER MOTIVATION:** By expressing encouragement and appreciation for your child's efforts, you—like her teachers—help nurture an inner motivation that will serve her for life.

And, most of all, slow down! Give your child the gift of time to complete a task by himself and enjoy the process even if it is slow or messy. It will be very rewarding both for you and for your child.

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

"If education is protection to life, you will realize that it is necessary that education accompany life during its whole course." M. Montessori

Reminder:

- Third Marking period ends June 8th
- Family picnic at Boulan Park June 10th
- Donuts with dad June 11th
- Last Day of School June 13th half day Schools ends at 11:15AM

Home/School Connection

HAPPY SUMMER

