



MONTESSORI MATTERS

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN
MONTESSORI SCHOOL

September - October 2018

UPCOMING DATES

Picture Day

Oct. 2
(8:30 - 12:00)

Columbus Day

Oct. 8
(no school)

Stade's Pumpkin Farm

Thursday, Oct. 18
(Full Day & School Day)

Friday, Oct. 19
(Toddler & Half Day)

Halloween Party

Sunday, Oct. 28
(3:00 - 5:00)

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back parents and students! Hopefully, you had a wonderful summer! For sure we all know it was a very hot one! This year should be exciting with all of our fun filled field trips and social events. It is a wonderful time to learn more about your school, socialize with other parents, and get to know your children's friends.

Northwest Suburban Montessori is a wonderful school and the more parents, teachers, aides, and students get involved, the better it will be. Now that we are starting a new school year we require that all children wash their hands upon entering school. Experts say simple things like hand washing go a long way toward keeping children healthy. We also recommend that this routine be followed when the children arrive home from school. This should help families avoid the spreading of illnesses that often herald the start of the school year.

Jan Howland, Principal

BACK TO SCHOOL

ARTS IN CLASS

The Composer for the month of October is
Sergei Prokofiev

The Art Program for the month of October is
"Self Portraits"

Focusing on a book called "I LIKE MYSELF"



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The education of a very small child does not aim at preparing him for school but for life”

-Dr. Maria Montessori

FROM THE 3-6 YEAR OLD CLASSROOMS

Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year! The first weeks of school were a blur of hellos and how do you dos!! Old friends have reconnected and new friends are being made. Our classroom shelves are full of fall and apple related materials. These materials will offer many fun and exciting challenges. At the end of the month, the children all worked together to help prepare homemade apple sauce in honor of Johnny Appleseed's birthday. The classrooms smelled delicious!



In October, we are looking forward to our first field trip to Stade's Pumpkin Farm. We will get to go on a hayride out to a pumpkin field to pick our own pumpkin! So fun!! We will also have the opportunity to try out many other fun and exciting activities at this large farm.

Officer Friendly will be stopping by each class to talk about safety, just in time for Trick or Treating!

With the fall weather getting cooler, please take that perfect opportunity to practice with your child how to put his/her jacket and coat on independently. My favorite technique is to lay the coat on the floor and ask your child to stand at the hood or tag. Have him/her put his/her arms in the sleeves and lift the coat up and over his/her head. With a little practice, this will become and very quick and easy way for your child to put his/her coat on independently.

Marie Ferber, Directress, Room 5 Half Day

FROM THE TODDLER CLASSROOM

Welcome from "Toddler-Land"!

We have had a wonderful start to our new school year, welcoming so many new faces to our classroom and a few returning back to us! Each morning when the children come into the class, we request that they wash their hands and then off to work they go. Many children have loved to scrub our giant duck clean, using a scrub brush, sponges and hand-made soap. Another favorite has been to paint a red or yellow apple or make a beautiful sticker picture full of cars and trucks. Across the room, you can find children looking at the life-cycle of an apple tree, matching farm animals to a puzzle or making a counting book, 1 through 5. Each child has done a wonderful job of exploring our room and all that it has to offer.

During our line time, we gather on the blue line to sing songs and have some fun time together as a group. One of our favorites so far is "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes". We sing these songs at two different speeds; a slower pace (in Spanish we say "Lento") and a fast pace ("Rapido"). While we sing our "A, B, C's" we also tap the beat on our legs - the tapping helps the children to notice the beat of the song and whether it is slower or faster.

We have also enjoyed time outside at our school park! Being outside helps the children to continue to develop their gross motor skills by running around our track, jumping from 1-10 on our hop scotch and climbing up the stairs or blue bars to the slides. The children also love digging in our sandbox (sorry for the sand that may also come home!), blowing bubbles and drawing pictures with chalk. With the change of seasons upon us, we have also been talking about what colors the leaves are on the trees and bushes while we walk to and from the park.

The month of October will bring a change of work on the shelves; scrubbing a pumpkin, making a mummy, life-cycle of a pumpkin and some fun new songs and stories for Halloween.

Please be sure to check the online backpack for weekly updates, pictures and video from our classroom!

Amanda Dilillo, Directress, Toddler Room



FROM THE SPANISH ROOM



Hola y bienvenidos, Hello and welcome back,

Hope everyone had a great and fun summer. I'm glad to see so many new faces as well as returning friends too. My name is Mrs. Maribel, I am one of the assistant's in the toddler's class as well as the Spanish teacher for the school. On Wednesday's I would be visiting each classroom and do Spanish with the children for 25-30 minutes. I got a chance to visit each classroom and meet the children, and all took turns introducing ourselves.

The month of September we will be learning fruits, such as; apple(manzana), pear(pera), banana(platano) and grapes(uvas). Also learn school materials; pencil(lapiz), backpack(mochila), books(libro) and scissors(tijeras).

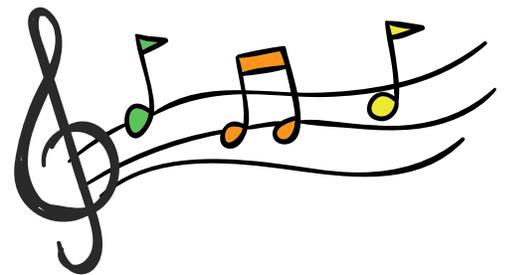
For October we will be learning about pumpkins. I would be bringing in different size pumpkins, and sort them from big(grande) medium(mediano) and small(pequeño). The line time would also consist of numbers, colors, days of the week, months, weather, songs, games and more.

A second language is an advantage you can give your child starting in their first year. Learning a second language at an early age is amazingly stimulating for the children's mind. They're in the stage where they can easily observe and learn new things with ease, and with no time the children will grasp and learn a new language. Learning a second or third language does not cause language confusion or delay, but is very beneficial to them. Studies show that now only can it help a child's brain develop but also help them do better academically; improve in their reading, vocabulary, their comprehension skills in English and more. I'm looking forward to teaching the children a new language and excited to see the progress throughout the school year.

Muchas gracias,
Mrs. Maribel, Spanish Teacher

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

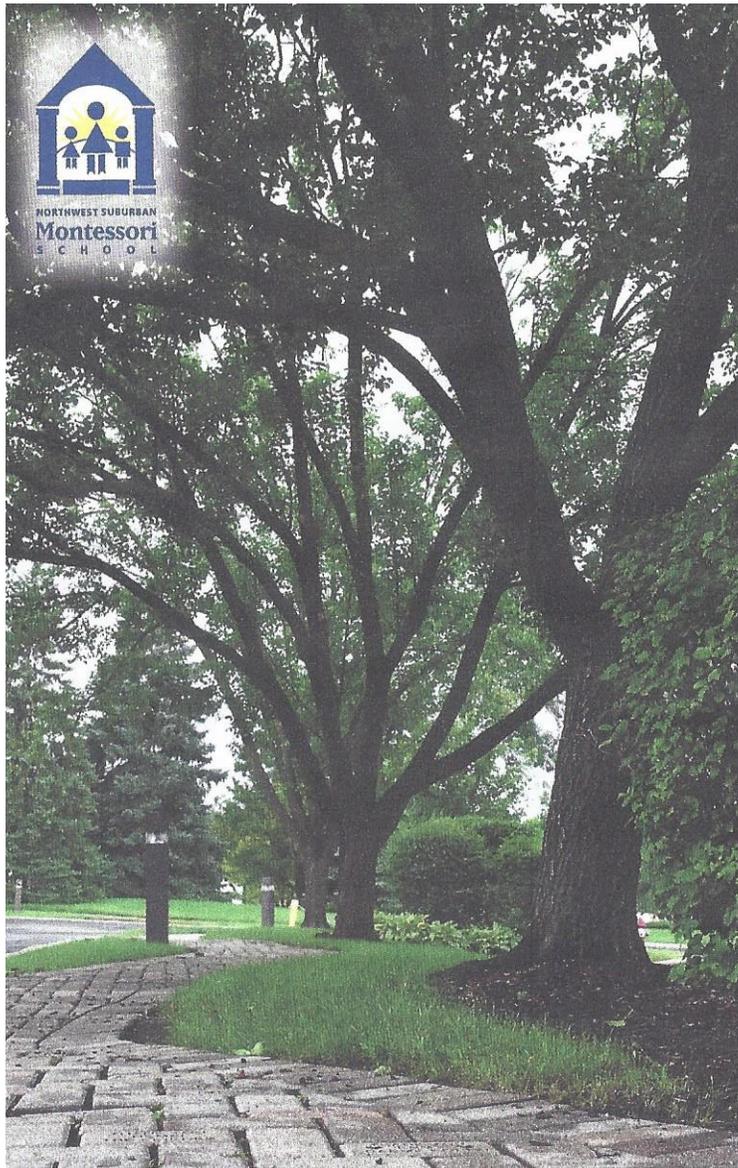
This year we will discover many ways to create our own music. At Montessori schools the teachings of Carl Orff are utilized. Carl Orff was a German composer and educator who developed a unique approach to music education. Orff defined the ideal music for children as " Never alone, but connected with movements dance and speech - to be listened to, meaningful only in active participation." The Orff philosophy encourages children to experience music at their own level of understanding. We use Orff instruments to help the children express their feelings. Tambourines, rhythm sticks, drums, castanets, claves, maracas, glockenspiels and tone blocks always sound great and require only the desire to create. The beauty of Orff instruments is that they need absolutely no formal training.



We will study many composers. Beethoven, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Chopin and one of my favorites, Sergei Prokofiev. He wrote the story of " Peter and the Wolf " where each character is represented by a different instrument of the orchestra. We'll explore a variety of music styles; classical, jazz, popular and folk. I want all the children to discover that music can be full of color, busy, with different feelings.

Our class is always filled with a lot of movements. Music is doing, not just listening! Music can tell a story that is always beautiful. I will share my knowledge and passion and guide the class to the discovery of it's beauty. Most importantly we'll find that music is for everyone. We'll learn the meaning behind it and the joy it can bring.

Justyna Weirich, Music Teacher



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Help define a legacy of learning at NSMS by purchasing a customized brick for the school pathway. Watch your children's faces light up every day when they get to see their name on a brick on the way into school or walking to the park each day!

Not only will you be leaving your child's legacy at their very first school, but you will be supporting NSMS in a very important way. With the funds from the Buy-a-Brick program, NSMS can continue to maintain a proper educational environment for years to come. It is a great way to provide a lasting tribute to your child and the starting years of their lifelong education!

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