

# March 2020 Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

March 6 early out 12:10 pm

March 9 – 13 no school, spring break

Thank you, everyone, who donated money for replacing the mural of Maria Montessori. We collected \$83.52 in our classroom. Yay!

Also, thank you to all who attended conferences, last month. It was very nice talking with you about your children.

The Children's House music showcase and art show was a great success!

The art will be displayed at the Hutchinson Art Center in April. I will let you know the dates, next month.

We will begin some of our seed starting this month. This is always a fun activity. Please think about helping with our classroom garden, this coming summer. The children are always excited, when they come back to school, to see how the garden did. Sometimes, it does not look so good due to not being tended in the summer. I know you all are busy, but we could really use your help! Thank you for considering it.

Please continue to send snow gear with your child. There is still a lot of snow on the playground. It is also very wet so please make sure your child has an extra set of clothing, including socks, in the backpack.

There is more news on the back! 😊

## Our Montessori Classroom

### Practical Life

In the practical life area, there are small brushes and dustpans for learning how to sweep the floor and for using to sweep crumbs off tables.

There are materials which offer children the opportunity to learn skills such as using a tweezer, a mortar and pestle, a strawberry huller and more. While all these tools have specific uses, we use them for taking dried corn off the cob, for crushing eggshells for our garden and to pick up small objects to sort. These practical life activities are also helping the children to develop muscles which will help them hold pencils for writing. At the same time these same activities are helping them create order, concentration, coordination and independence. There is more. These same activities help the children practice sorting by shape, color and size.

Other practical life materials are for teaching and learning about folding cloth napkins, polishing glass or metal, flower arranging, and working with actual tools such as hammers, and screwdrivers.

This is an amazing area in a Montessori classroom! Maria Montessori was a doctor, a scientist and a researcher who understood what children need to develop and learn. Fortunately for us, she shared her knowledge and materials!

Sincerely,

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