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AUGUST 2014

LANGUAGE IMMERSION PRESCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Beyond Montessori is happy to announce the beginning of a second classroom in August. We thank all families who referred our school to the wider community. We have been getting calls! We named our classroom using metaphors that describe children's development at different stages. Children experience growth each time they step into a new kind of learning. They all go through the same phases: discovering, as an Explorer, to Cultivator, the stage they continue their learning through work and finally, Scholar, mastering the new skill. Regardless of our different ages, all of us experience the same stages when learning new materials. The classroom's names articulate the learning stages; it does not define the children's level. Montessori Directresses are knowledgeable in unlocking each child's milestone at their own pace regardless of their ages. To prepare the children for this transition, the Directresses will help the children adjust from July 28,

2014. The present class, The Explore Classroom, where the children now have their work, will also be the nap room with the blinds drawn. Lunch will be in the adjacent room called, The Scholar Classroom. The Cultivator Classroom is far away from the microwave so we will transfer to Scholar Room for lunch.

As we gradually expand to full capacity with new enrollment in August, we will even out the numbers. The transition will give the children the opportunity to acquaint themselves with new students as the classroom grows. We will keep the same schedule but have a different literacy curriculum when we expand into Explore and Cultivator classrooms. Then, we will introduce two classroom schedules to maintain the ratio of children to Directresses to ensure the quality of our program.

### EN English Curriculum

We introduced the Human Body and the Skeletal System. We learned the proper names of bones

that make up our skeletal system, and labeled the internal organs.

Squirt, our turtle, the live observation specimen, has helped us learned, not only the characteristics of reptiles, but also, how to care for them. We will continue with these topics into August and add our new topic on the study of the tree and dinosaurs.

We have included all of our Summer Themes in our planned curriculum.

### CH Chinese Curriculum

From the beginning of July, we carried out our summer activities. Some highlights are: yoga, field trips, turtle, human body and especially, Confucius.

Yoga class was fun and the children learned movements in moderate motion, yet, postures for exercise that are easy on all ages. Children learned Confucius quote, "Never do to others that you do not wish for yourself" in Chinese (己所不欲，勿施於人). We told the children that

one of the statues has the same quote in German! We reviewed the Chinese proverb 刻舟求劍. Children learned how to solve an issue from the story: we should start with the right method or the end result will be negative. We need to start right to make it right in the end. On the other hand, if we start wrong, we will end badly.

Next month, we will have. 一鳴驚人 And we will move along in our lesson book.

## Spanish Curriculum

We have been practicing the Spanish alphabets regularly. We are expanding our vocabulary as we learn the phonetic sounds of objects. Next month, we will move forward to lesson 4-6 in or textbook.

## Math

We will be using our Montessori math materials to introduce the children to Decimal system, Odd and Even number, and Tenth board.

## Culture Curriculum

In August, Mozart, the great musician, is our Person of Inspiration. We will talk about his life and how his work is an inspiration. We will use Montessori math to teach the concept of decimals. The children will learn the birth and deceased dates of Mozart using the decimal system. Listening to Mozart music will be the most sensorial experience the children will enjoy to be acquainted with the musician.

The Tree will also be one of our topics. What trees do for both humans and animals will be explored.

## Field Trip

The children will be going on two fieldtrips this month. The first one is to the Petco Store. Then later in the month we are going to the JAMS Music next door. The permission forms will send out in few days. Please feel free to join us on our adventure.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Art Class:**
  - August 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- **Kids Yoga Class :**
  - August 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am - 12:00pm
- **Field Trip:**
  - August 14<sup>th</sup>, Petco Store 10:15am – 11:30am
  - August 19<sup>th</sup>, JAMS Music 11:20am - 12:00pm
- **Cooking Project:**
  - On August 20<sup>th</sup>, will be making " Village Salad (鄉村沙拉)"
- **Open House:**
  - August 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am - 3:00pm
  - August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00am - 3:00pm