



## MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S GARDEN NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017

### Halloween Parade

We will have our annual Halloween parade this year on Tuesday, October 31 @ 9:45 and we will be back by 10:30. Please have your child come to school in costume with a labeled bag with their school clothes in it. We will swap the costumes and school clothes after the parade.

We will parade over to the Stonebridge Promenade across Highway 965. There is a walkway under the highway. The local businesses will hand out candy. If the afternoon class would like to participate in the parade, we are asking that you come in the morning for the parade. We will NOT do a separate parade in the afternoon.

### Parent-Teacher Conference

There will be no school on November 15 and November 22. Look for a sign-up sheet for parent-teacher conferences outside of each classroom. Childcare will be available during your conference time.

### Thank you!

Special thanks to Max Cao's mother for explaining the Chinese Moon Festival to Ms. Kelley's class and the 5-year-old enrichment class. Thank you to Asher Miller's mother for reading stories to Mrs. Honey's class

### Poinsettia Sale

The Montessori Children's Garden will host their Annual Poinsettia and Wreath Holiday Fundraiser. Each family can sell poinsettias and balsam wreaths to their friends and family. We will be looking for volunteers to help on distribution day. Michelle Beideman (Mia's mom) is organizing the event. This is the only fundraiser we do in the year so thank you in advance!

### Lukie's Pennies

We would like to thank you for your support of our fall service project for the Crisis Center in honor of Lukie Thompson. We are always in awe of the loving generosity of our families. We will bring this effort to a close at the end of this week on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and will keep you informed of our donation total.

With Gratitude, Montessori Children's Garden

## **Quotable Quotes**

Child turns on faucet to a dribble and says, "That's my favorite sound."

At the end of Spanish, Ms. Becky says, "Adios Amigos!" One child answers, "Adios Quesadilla!"

My mom spells her name just like your mom! M-O-M!

## **Parent Involvement**

If anyone has any special interests or talents to share with the classes, please feel free to contact Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Honey and we can schedule a time for you to come in. It could be sharing a special holiday, showing a collection, sharing a book, sharing a pet, or playing a musical instrument.

## **Classroom News**

All the classrooms have Halloween and Fall related activities in the art area, practical life, math, and language areas, including using tweezers to remove corn kernels, making faces on a real pumpkin, and so much more!

Please take the time to look at the lessons with your child. It will spark conversations and give you a window into your child's day.

In **Ms. Kelley's** class, they are studying the growth of a pumpkin, seeds and stems, and the solar system.

In **Mrs. Honey's and Ms. Cathy's** class, they are studying about living and non-living things, the sun as the introduction to the solar system, and color mixing.

**Ms. Tina's** class is learning about the different forms of matter and plants, specifically trees and pumpkins.

**Ms. Emily's** class is learning about the four seasons and comparing plants and animals.

In **five-year-old enrichment class**, the children have been hearing the story of Black Elk as part of the peace curriculum. They are continuing to work on their Handwriting without Tears booklets. Science experiments have been float and sink, viscosity of liquids, layering liquids, and dissolving solids in liquids.