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The New School Year

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From the classroom:

Room 101: We will be working on places and objects in our city and neighborhood, and practicing grace and courtesy. Also we will read books from the author Patricia Pollaco and C.S. Lewis, listen to Beethoven's music, and learning Hello and Goodbye signs. We will be working harder on more structured rug work (lessons) like matching colors and counting, sorting etc... We would like to acknowledge Halvor who can now match color cards and Laila who is using more words while still learning and using her sign language.

September Calendar

Sept. 1 thru 9	Book Fair
Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday School/Care closed
Sept. 6	Pre-school Open House 6:00-7:00pm
Sept. 19	Infant & Toddler Open House 6:00-7:00pm
Sept. 20	School Pictures

Room 102: We had a successful August learning about themselves respect for materials, their environment, and their friends. This month we will be discussing our neighborhood and city. The children will learn and practice the virtues grace and courtesy. Ludwig Van Beethoven will be listening to during the work cycles and nap. Books written by Patricia Pollaco will be read and art will be based on these readings as well as the artist of the month. Paul Klee. We will explore North America through pictures and objects. We will experiment with Air and Water. Sign language will consist of words such as hello and goodbye, good morning, etc...

Room 103:

We will be graphing apples and which is our favorite. We want to thank all the parents for purchasing books for our Classroom and increasing our classroom library. We also want to thank all the parents who came out for Open house, it was wonderful to see everyone. We will be learning about North America. If you have any objects you would like to donate to our continent box, we would love to add them. I will be asking for parents to volunteer to bring apples. Please check our clipboard for needed apples.

Classroom News

Room 104:

This month we will continue our geography study, learning that the earth has bodies of land called ‘continents.’ We will study our land North America. We will also begin our “living/non-living lessons.” Each child is invited to bring in one apple to share with class in honor of Johnny Appleseed’s birthday. We will graph which color apple is the most popular. Will your child bring one green, red, or yellow?

Room 105:

September is an exciting month in 105. We began our small group Cultural Lessons. We will study the Creation of the Universe and begin the Marking of Time. The Lower Elementary Students have received lessons on Classification and will begin the Study of the Animal Kingdom. The Upper Elementary Students are continuing to track Tropical

Developments and will soon begin work on Plant and Animal Cells.

Dance Mobile will start Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30pm.



Safety News

Parents we would like for everyone to be aware of products that may be re-called. Here is a web-site that might be helpful to refer to.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/>

September Birthdays

101:

102:

103:

9/7 Cayden Gonzalez

9/10 Sophia Nardoizzi

9/20 Madison Markum

9/20 Jaida Edwards

9/29 Bhavini Patel

104:

105:

9/15 Emma Sanders

9/16 Emilio Cabral

9/22 Alissa DeLucia

Theme: Our Neighborhood / Our City

Author: Patricia Pollaco

el: C.S. Lewis

Artist: Mondrian

Composer: Ludwig van Beethoven

Continent: North America

Virtue: Grace & Courtesy

Sign Language: Hello, Goodby

Peacemaker: Our Peaceful Classroom

Misc.: Living/Non Living, Land/Air/Water



Reminders:

If your preschool age child does not already have a gallon size Ziploc bag please send one with a change of clothing in it. Please label everything brought into

the classroom, including lunchboxes, jackets extra changes of clothes, backpacks, etc.

Your child's paper work, projects, and blankets will go home every Friday. Do not be discouraged if your child doesn't bring home any work.

Most Montessori work is hands on lessons that remain on the classroom shelves.

Due to limited space in the classrooms, you may send a backpack with your child on Fridays only to take work home.

Pickup & Drop Off

All extended (8:30-3:30) Preschool students should be dropped off at the front door between 8:20-8:30. At drop off and pick up time parents are reminded to remain in the office area until their children are brought to the front door.

Leave all cell phones on silent when entering the building. This is to provide an orderly procedure and to ensure safety for all of our students.

Extended day Elementary students should be dropped off at the back door between 8:10 and 8:20. Pick up time is between 3:20-3:30. Before or after those times please come to the front door.

Childcare charges for late pickup are \$8 per hour for extended day (3:30 pickup) students and \$15 charge after 6:01pm plus additional charges for every 15 minutes after.

Medication

All medication brought to school must be in its original container and labeled with your child's name and current date. Medication must be signed in at the front desk before we can administer it to your child. We are not permitted by the Texas Department of Health to give your child Tylenol without a

doctors' written consent. We are also not allowed to dispense over the counter medication that is not age appropriate for your child unless we have doctor's permission.

As the mosquitoes have been very plentiful this summer we are very low on insect repellent.. Everyone

must send in a new bottle of bug repellent for your child. All bottles must be labeled with your child's name and signed in the office.



Dress Code

We ask that all students wear closed toe shoes, sneakers or running shoes (no sandals, no flip flops or open toes.) This is for our children's safety.



Elementary Dress Code

Shirts: polo style (three buttons), solid colors (no stripes),

on Fridays can wear South Shore Montessori t-shirts.
Pants: khaki, navy, olive or black

Shoes: closed toe, sneakers, running shoes (no sandals, no flip flops or open toes.)

TUITION

Tuition Express

Most of our parents are now signed up for Tuition Express. It will make your life just a little less hectic when you don't have to worry about making that tuition check out every month. With Tuition Express your tuition will come directly from your account. You can even take

out for your pizza ticket. Now how easy is that!

For anyone running late at pickup time, if you would please call to reassure us (and we can reassure your child) that you are okay and on your way.

On Friday to avoid the late charge. If needed, put a post-

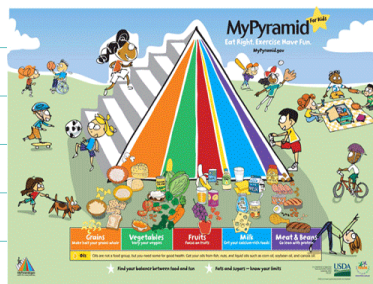
it on your check to indicate that it should not be deposited before the first.

Every Friday is pizza day! The cost for a monthly pizza ticket is \$15.00 for toddler/ preschool and \$20.00 for Elementary.

Nutrition

Please do not send anything with high sugar content. As a basic rule of thumb, send only items that do not have sugar in the first three ingredients. Please check the Capri Suns, some of them have sugar and some say 100% juice.

We can only accept 100% Juice, water or plain milk.



Nutritional Websites:

For Preschoolers:

<http://www.choosemyplate.gov/preschoolers/index.html>

Kids

<http://www.choosemyplate.gov/kids/index.html>

Eat Well, Be active, and Be Healthy!!!

Tumblebus

Tumblebus started in September 6 and will be at 1:30 and 2:00pm. If you would like to sign up for Tumblebus, just fill out a registration form and put it in the box in the office along with your payment. The registration fee is \$15 (includes a t-shirt) and monthly tuition is \$35.

If your child is already signed up for Tumblebus you do not have to re-register but you may purchase a new Tumblebus shirt for \$15.

New students, ages two through five, will receive one free class.



RANDALLS # 740

Thank you to everyone that has the Remarkable Randall's card linked to South Shore Montessori (#7403).

Randall's donates a percentage of all sales to our teacher scholarship fund.

Recycling

We still need volunteers to pick-up our paper and plastics once a week. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Box Tops

We still need a volunteer to take care of the box tops we collect every month. Please let the office know if you are interested.



Quote by Maria Montessori:

The environment must be rich in motives which lend interest to activity and invite the child to conduct his own experiences."