



MCHL NEWS



Montessori Children's House of Loudoun

March / April 2024

OFFICE NEWS

Spring is almost here. It is March and there is anticipation for sunny days, no coats, and nature's rebirth. Yet, for the teachers at MCHL, it is a bittersweet time. As we look forward to the new faces that will join MCHL, we are hoping all students including Kindergarten and Elementary students continue to remain a part of the MCHL family.

Parents, thank you for believing in the Montessori philosophy.



Our Tax I.D. Number is 54-1748774. If you need a tuition receipt for tax purposes, please call or email the office.



Please update the office with any changes to your email address/home/work/cell phone numbers. It is imperative that we are able to reach you in the event of an emergency.



Thank you for calling the office by 9:00 am to report when your child will be absent.




SPRING IS IN THE AIR



All families should be using the Brightwheel app on a daily basis to sign your child in/out. If you are experiencing any issues with the app, please stop by the office.



The first day of Spring is March 19th. Here are a few basic reminders:

-  Update your child's change of clothes in their cubby for the warm spring weather.
-  If your daughter wears a skirt or dress to school, please have them wear shorts underneath.
-  Remember to put your child's name on clothing, lunch bags, etc.

RE-ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Recently, Re-enrollment forms and Summer Program forms were distributed to all currently enrolled children at MCHL. If you haven't already done so, please return the form as soon as possible. We have begun placing children from our wait list into classrooms.

Contracts will be distributed in April. The first installment is due on June 1, 2024.

IMPORTANT DATES

<i>March 25-29</i>	<i>SPRING BREAK MCHL Closed</i>
<i>April 2, 3 and 4</i>	<i>Picture Days</i>
<i>April 10</i>	<i>Eid al-Fitr MCHL Closed</i>
<i>April 30</i>	<i>Field Trip George Mason University Kindergarten and Elementary</i>

Picture Days

(We will start promptly at 8:30 am)

Tuesday, April 2

Room 2
Room 7
Room 8
Class of 2024

Wednesday, April 3

Room 4
Room 3
Room 12

Thursday, April 4

Room 1
Room 9
Room 10
Room 11



*March winds
and April showers
bring forth May flowers.*

MCHL FIELD TRIP

Sponsored by the MCHL PTA



On Tuesday, April 30th, the MCHL Elementary and Kindergarten Students will travel to George Mason University's Center for the Arts for a performance of Rosie Revere, Engineer. This show is a fun musical based on the book 'Rosie Revere, Engineer'.

Please contact your child's teacher if you are available to chaperone.

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



It is hard to believe your children will be leaving MCHL in the near future. We will miss them but they will definitely be ready to move on to the next stage of their lives.

To help them with that transition, we are offering a Summer Program so they will not have to make any changes in their daily schedule until the academic school year starts.

Additional enrollment forms are located in the office.

MONTESSORI 101 THE MONTESSORI MATH EXPERIENCE

The purpose of the math curriculum in a Montessori classroom is to allow children to experience and explore mathematical concepts such as length, width, depth, quantity, distance, weight, time and measurement. The teaching materials are concrete tools that help the child understand an abstract idea.

For instance, the child is first introduced to the concept of quantity. The number rods (10 rods graded in length and segmented) are used to show the child a very visual, tactile representation of the quantities 1 to 10. The child can easily see the difference in the length of '3' compared to the length of '7'. There are many different activities in the classroom that help the child grasp the notion of quantity. It is only after a child works with various quantities that they are introduced to the numerical symbol and are able to associate the two.

As the child moves through the math curriculum, they will encounter several math functions. Working with the counting rods, the bead stair or the spindle boxes allow the child to gain an understanding of numeration and quantity 1 to 10. Next, a child is exposed to the teen numbers and begins to understand the concept of linear counting as they learn to use the bead chains and the hundred board. Older children are introduced to place value as well as the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Again, all of these operations are initially performed with concrete, manipulative materials. Colored beads are used when adding and subtracting. A combination of beads and blocks are used when learning about place value. The child is again able to feel and see the differences between a single bead, a bar of 10 beads, a square of 100 beads and a cube 1000 beads.

A child uses these concrete tools until they can internalize the abstract numbers and concepts.



100TH DAY CELEBRATION



February 6th was our 100th Day at school. Our Kindergarten and Elementary students celebrated the day with pizza for lunch. Additional photos were shared on Facebook.

MANDARIN CLASS



The Year 2024 is the “*Year of the Dragon*” on the Chinese calendar. On February 8th, the children celebrated Chinese New Year and students enrolled in Mandarin paraded through the hallways and there was a performance in the MCHL Gym. Please visit our Facebook page for additional photos and videos.



VALENTINES DAY CELEBRATIONS



Our Valentine’s Day parties were a lot of fun! Please check our Facebook page for photos from your child’s classroom party.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Afterschool programs will continue at MCHL. Additional information is located on the table outside of the office on the upper level. Some classes are in session all year. Indoor soccer (sibling discount) and dance offer a free demo. If you would like your child to participate, please stop by the office.

