



Toddler Newsletter

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Amherst Montessori School

Swinging into Spring!!!

It has been a wonderful spring so far! We are enjoying the sounds and sights of this glorious season! Sharpening our listening skills, we hear the sounds of different birds, wind, and airplanes over head. Sometimes, we even hear toads, crickets, and, of course, rain falling from the sky! As language development is a central part of toddlers' work, we have been learning the names of different insects. Ask them about a Golden Northern Bumblebee, Green Darner Dragonfly, Periodical Cicada or a Differential Grasshopper to name a few! Throughout the morning, one can see children working individually at a table, small groups working together on a green rug, social play in the mudroom, giggles, laughter and singing. Yes folks, spring fever has taken over! Outside time has been filled with sunscreen, rain boots, bubbles and sandbox play as we continue to work and play together.



Springtime Babes

Welcome to the world baby Honor! Honor is the sister of Kaela, daughter of Maia and Jim. Congratulations! What a busy time for birthdays in our class as well! Brian celebrated turning 3 on April 15th while we ushered in Dylan's 2nd Birthday on April 26th. The children enjoy the book Dim Yum Sum, in honor of Brian's special day and the butterflies brought in by Dylan. We continue to watch our caterpillars grow each day as well (more about that later!) May is overflowing with Birthdays.... Libby turns 3 May 17th, Samara will be 2 on May 21st, Brendan and Izzy will both turn 3 on May 25th, and Tyler will be 3 on May 29th! Lots of celebrating to come in the following weeks!!!!

Events

The AMS Annual Auction was a huge success. It is always wonderful to spend an evening out schmoozing with parents and the AMS family! There were lots of laughs, lively bidding, good food and a wonderful sense of community! There was a great turnout for Grandparents Day and our two Morning Shares as well! It so satisfying to watch the excitement on your children's faces as they share their work with you, all along, exuding a sense of pride!

Coming up.....

LOOK PARK FIELD TRIP! PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL ALL SCHOOL FIELD TRIP TO LOOK PARK, TUESDAY, JUNE 1st. In order for the Toddler class to be able to attend, we need lots of folks to join us. This is a great adventure and also counts towards your parent hours. We will ride the train, visit the zoo, play in the sprinklers and explore the playground! A picnic lunch will be had as well! Our end of the year celebration is on Wednesday, June 9th, from 11-1. There will be singing with Miss Leticia, Live Children's Music, and a picnic lunch!



Other News and Notes

It has been so exciting to watch our caterpillars grow into chrysalis! They are now in the Butterfly Net House. In 7-10 days, we should have Painted Lady Butterflies!

Orange and Red Bell Peppers have tickled our taste buds during food tasting! We will move on to Yellow and Green this week!

Please continue to check the weather and send in appropriate gear, including an extra water bottle, as we do go outside in all types of weather including rain. On a final note, we will begin our toothbrushing regimen this fall.

The Rain Song (We sit with our legs crossed, sitting in a circle, patting the floor in front of us)

Pitter Patter Pitter Patter

Listen to the Rain

Falling on the window sill

And on the window pane

Do you hear the rain?

Gently falling rain.....

Now it's falling harder!!!

