

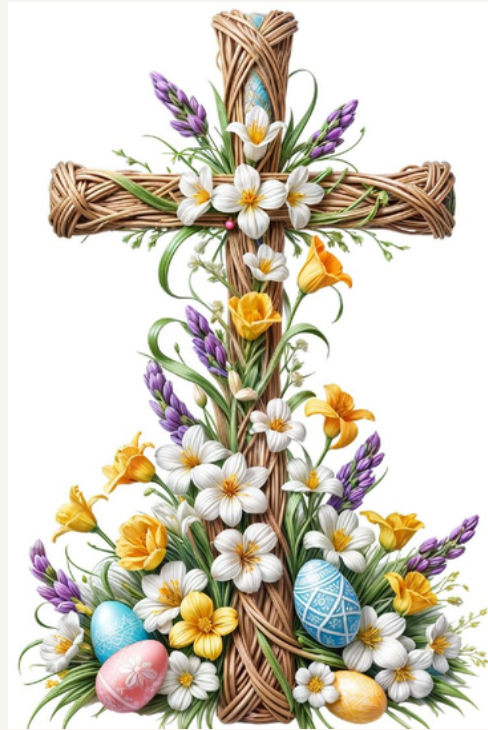
MONTESSORI SCHOOLS of Central Texas

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/12 Staff Training
- 4/15 Temple FD Visit
- 4/18 Good Friday
School Closed
- 4/21 Lunch-A-Palooza Week 1
- 4/28 Lunch-A-Palooza Week 2



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Easter comments?...

This summer, three of our teachers will attend school at the Houston Montessori Center to gain their Montessori certification! To help offset their costs, we'll be hosting two fundraising events-- Lunch-a-Palooza and our annual Pajama Party! Please see page 5 for more details on how you can help support Mrs. Ronelus, Mrs. Steele, and Mrs. Rosario!

--Mrs. Jennifer Watson



In studying the Montessori Method, we go straight to a very interesting central point: the extraordinary manifestation of the psychic life {psyche} of the young child."

Maria Montessori

The 1946 London Lectures

INFANT 1



April is such a fun and exciting month as our infants love exploring everything outdoors! With the weather getting warmer, we will start going outside both in the morning and in the afternoon. Please make sure that your infant has a jacket labeled with their name.

This month we will be reading the story of Easter and adding the signs for bird, cow, and sun in ASL. We are also working on balance and coordination. Many of our babies are on the move! Some have mastered walking and others are taking their first steps. Please make sure to send appropriate shoes for walkers so we can keep practicing their new skill.

We would like to say how proud we are of all our babies! They have each reached so many milestones and continue to show more and more personality and determination every day. Thank you for allowing us to teach your child and help them learn and grow!

-- Mrs. Terri Wallace

TODDLER

In April we'll be spending extra time outside enjoying the weather, working in the garden and going on nature walks. We'll learn about the Easter story and continue preparing for the primary transition by working to master our independence skills.

Here is our full lesson plan:

- GROUP LESSONS** Easter; reptiles; frog and turtle life cycles
- PRACTICAL LIFE** Watering plants; serving snack; toilet awareness: timing, using the toilet, changing clothes
- MOTOR SKILLS** Digging and scooping soil; reptile sensory bin; reptile object to picture matching
- LANGUAGE** Spanish: frog (rana), turtle (tortuga), reptile (reptil), and Easter Story (Pascua de Resurreccion)
- BIBLE** Easter Story; Matthew 28:6, *He is not here, for He is risen!*
- ART** Handprint frogs; potato masher turtles; Easter crafts

-- Mrs. Tammy Clausen



INFANT 2

This month our class will be learning about Easter and we will be making carrot cake!



Here are some other things we'll be doing in April:

- GROUP LESSONS** Gardening; Easter; Frog and turtle life cycles
- PRACTICAL LIFE** Toilet awareness; pouring and transferring; care for the environment: sweeping, restoring, table wiping
- COGNITIVE MANIPULATIVE** Egg matching; frog puzzles; number sorting using turtles; egg transferring
- LANGUAGE** Stories: *What is Easter*; *Green Eggs and Ham*; *There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Frog*; lake animals mystery box; vocabulary words; Spanish: *Feliz Pascua* (Happy Easter)
- BIBLE** The story of Easter; Matthew 28:6, *Jesus is Risen*
- SENSORY** Easter art: finger painting, Easter card, egg print; sand sensory bin;

We will also be continuing our gardening lessons and are asking our students to each bring in a plant for their garden. It can be a pepper plant, sweet potato, lettuce, tomato, basil, or marigold. Thank you for your support!



-- Mrs. LaDonna Ronelus

PRIMARY

In April, primary students will learn about the Easter story from Passover to Ascension. We will also be studying Australia and the many aspects of its culture.

Here's a look at the full lesson plan:

- GROUP LESSON** Easter story; Australia
- SPANISH** Parts of the body (partes del cuerpo)
- GRACE & COURTESY** Conflict resolution; waiting to speak; social and environmental responsibilities; respecting the flag and Texas' state symbols
- PRACTICAL LIFE** Taking care of our body; caring for the environment; plant watering
- CULTURE** Australia: animals and culture; recycling; parts of the human skeleton; Australian craft; music: solfege signs
- BIBLE** The Great Banquet; Jesus' Last Passover; Jesus is Risen; Ascension

Mrs. Carmen Alvarado
and
Ms. Gwen Copeland



Mrs. Doline Abraham
and
Mrs. Monica Walker



ELEMENTARY

This month elementary students will spend time learning about Easter, Earth Day, and the continent of Australia.

See what else is in store:

- MATH** Checker board design 2nd level; measurements; study of figures, second level
- SCIENCE** Movements of earth and their consequences
- CULTURE** Australia: countries, capitals, flags, and cultures; fundamental needs of man; parts of the human body; parts of a seed, germination, and dispersal
- LANGUAGE** Conjunction lesson, 1st level; preposition grammar boxes, 2nd level
Spanish: transportation
- BIBLE** Jesus' Last Passover; Jesus is Risen; Ascension
- ART** Easter craft

BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Anne Bebeau	Infant 1	April 10th
Catherine Bebeau	Infant 1	April 10th
Harper McNeill	Infant 1	April 10th
Naeto Chukwuma	Infant 2	April 14th

Lost and Found

If you are missing your child's shoe, jacket, glove, glasses, or other miscellaneous item, please stop by the office and we will point you to our Lost and Found. Due to spaced limitations, unclaimed items are taken to Goodwill every other month. Labeled items are returned promptly and never make it to Lost and Found.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

No need to pack a lunch for two weeks!

Introducing:

Lunch-a-Palooza

For up to two weeks, MSCT will provide a hot & ready, nutritious, kid-friendly lunch for participating children

Week one: April 21 - April 25

Week two: April 28 - May 2

Families can opt to participate for 1 week or both:

1 week = \$65 minimum donation (per child)

2 weeks = \$100 minimum donation (per child)

Menus and registration will be sent out soon.

*Vegetarian options available

Registration Deadline: **Friday, April 11th**



Plan a date and drop the kids off at our annual

Pajama Party

May 16th

6-10 pm

(Primary & Elementary)



Primary and Elementary students are in for a treat with this fun-filled, action-packed evening. Registered children will play games indoors and out, enjoy a dance party and sing-along, choose their creative stations to craft projects, share dinner together, and so much more. It'll be a night to remember, so make plans with your spouse and let us entertain the kids!

Minimum donation to participate is \$100

Registration opens on May 5th and will be limited to the first 40 children

Proceeds benefit intern teachers: Mrs. Ronelus, Mrs. Rosario, and Mrs. Steele as they work toward earning their Montessori certification!