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IMPORTANT DATES

3/2	Annual Open House 2-4 pm
3/3	Registration Opens to Waitlist
3/7	Lower Elementary Field Trip
3/10-14	Spring Break - School Closed
3/21	Upper Elementary Field Trip

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you to all who came out to see us during the Open House! It is always a pleasure to visit with current and new families. We hope you and your children enjoyed meeting their new teachers and peeking inside their new classrooms!

On behalf of the entire MSCT staff, thank you for entrusting us with your child's continued care and education. It's a privilege we don't take lightly!

God Bless,
Mrs. Jennifer Watson



"The child has a mind able to absorb knowledge. He has the power to teach himself."

- Maria Montessori, The Absorbent Mind

INFANT 1

I am excited for a fun-filled Spring with our infants! As the weather starts to warm up, it will allow us to venture outside and experience the breeze, the sensation of the grass, and the many sights and sounds this season offers. Considering this, please remember to send a jacket labeled with their name each day.

This month, the children will learn about Noah's Ark. We'll read the Bible story and sing "Who Built the Ark" in circle time. We will also be focusing on transition requirements for the Infant 2 classroom. One of the tasks to master is walking. You can help by sending proper walking shoes to school with your child so that they can practice while here with us. We'll also continue to work on self-feeding. Please keep practicing at home by letting your child use a spoon or fork and plate. It's amazing how much progress your infants have already made!

-- Mrs. Terri Wallace



INFANT 2

Spring is in the air, and we are excited! This month our children will learn about gardening, preparing the soil and planting, and spring insects. Take a look at the other great lessons we'll learn:



GROUP LESSONS Spring; insects; gardening; planting; seedlings

PRACTICAL LIFE Toilet awareness: pouring/spooning seeds; flower arranging; serving snack; care for environment; cooking: chocolate pudding with cookie crumble

COGNITIVE MANIPULATIVE Shape sorting; ladybug puzzle; wooden blocks; butterfly matchup

LANGUAGE Stories: *The Tiny Seed*; *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*; Spanish: ladybug (mariquita); butterfly (mariposa); bee (abeja); Spring is Here! (*La primavera esta aqui!*)

BIBLE Verse: Ecclesiastes 3:1- To Everything There is a Season; Story of Creation

SENSORY Busy bee sensory bottles; musical instruments; color mixing; paper plate insect crafts

Keep reinforcing toilet training at home by allowing your child to sit on the toilet for 5-10 minutes every diaper change. This will help them make the connection between the going and the toilet. If they haven't already, it won't be long before they put these two pieces together and are saying goodbye to diapers!

We appreciate your support!

-- Mrs. LaDonna Ronelus

TODDLER

We have many great Spring lessons planned for March:

GROUP LESSONS Spring; gardening; seeds; weather;

PRACTICAL LIFE Watering plants; serving snack; toileting; wiping our nose; hand washing

MOTOR SKILLS Flower arranging; gardening; digging/scooping; spooning/pouring; catching/throwing

LANGUAGE Spanish: *Primavera, jardineria, semillas, clima*

BIBLE Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind to one another."

ART Insect and flower dot painting; spring and weather crafts

This month we will continue working on the independence skills our toddlers need to master in order to advance to the Primary class. The first of these is toilet training- using the toilet and wiping themselves. We'll also allow the child to practice undressing and dressing themselves after a toilet accident. Academically, we'll focus on the children knowing their full name and being able to recognize it in written form, as well as recognizing their colors. Please continue to work on these things at home too! You can also help by allowing your child to walk from the car to class in the mornings without carrying them.

Mastering these skills will help your child feel a sense of independence and pride in their abilities, which will benefit them greatly as they move into the higher academics of the Primary level soon.

--Mrs. Tammy Clausen



PRIMARY

This month the primary students will spend a lot of time studying and observing the wonders of Spring. They'll learn about seeds, flowers, and plants. They will also learn about Europe and its culture, food, and the animals that inhabit this continent.

Take a look at the lesson plan for March:

- GROUP LESSON** Europe; parts of a seed; parts of a flower;
- SPANISH** Weather (*el clima*)
- GRACE & COURTESY** How to say goodbyes to friends; watering plants; observing plants
- PRACTICAL LIFE** How to regrow vegetables
Cooking: European recipes
- CULTURE** Europe: culture, animals, continent; Botany: seeds, planting, sprouts, parts of flowers, leaf classification
- BIBLE** The Sower; Good Samaritan; Jesus the King
- ART & MUSIC** Art: European art
Music: Johannes Brahms

Mrs. Alvarado
and
Ms. Copeland



ELEMENTARY

During the month of March we welcome the warmer weather and that opportunity to explore and observe nature in Spring. The students enjoy spending extra time outside and making connections from in-class lessons to their outdoor environment,

While indoors, they'll be learning about:

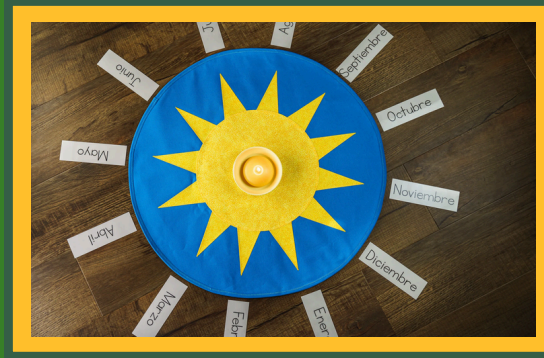
- MATH** Golden bead division, 1st level; Checker board, 2nd level
- SCIENCE** Intro to heat; solar energy and earth; heat experiments
- CULTURE** Asia: countries, capitals, flags, culture; parts of a mammal; edible/inedible fruits; important days in history
- LANGUAGE** Preposition lessons 1-3, 1st level; logical analysis, 3rd level; Spanish: fruits
- BIBLE** Parables: The Sower, Good Samaritan, The Great Banquet
- ART** Spring crafts

This month the Elementary students will also take a field trip to the Mayborn Museum in Waco. There they will explore many hands-on science, natural history, and cultural exhibits. This is always a favorite place to visit!

Mrs. Dolline Abraham
and
Mrs. Monica Walker



BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jaemi Smith	Primary 2	March 2nd
Spencer Ochoa	Infant 2	March 3rd
Bastion Mulkey	Primary 2	March 6th
Tre Harper	Upper Elementary	March 8th
Kylie Magee	Primary 2	March 9th
Karina Soto	Primary 2	March 11th
Gwyneth Elderkin	Lower Elementary	March 11th
Caroline McGinn	Infant 1	March 12th
Cordellia Lindblad	Primary 1	March 12th
Ellison Castilleja	Infant 2	March 17th
Eloise Troy	Lower Elementary	March 18th
Lena Vega	Upper Elementary	March 21st
Ryan Rawdah	Upper Elementary	March 29th