



Montessori Children's School

April 2011



Dear Montessori Families,

April is upon us and time for re-enrolling your child at Montessori Children's School is at hand. As promised at our last corporation meeting there will be NO tuition increase for next school year. Re-enrollment packets go home in your Thursday take-home folder this week. The signed tuition agreement and other required documents need to be returned to the office by the close of school on Friday April 29th. If you receive a re-enrollment packet and do not intend to return next year, inform the office right away since we have an extensive waitlist. If you opt to pay tuition monthly, your first installment is not due until June 1st. This was done as a courtesy to our families, so you are not responsible for paying two tuition installments in the month of May. We require the first monthly tuition installment for next school year up front so we may take care of large school supply purchases over the summer months. The packets have all the specifics. Our school calendar will not be included, I am waiting to get the MECS calendar and approval of the draft from my Board on April 21st. We try to follow the Monroe County school calendar as well as the Charter school calendar for the benefit of our families with older children. The children are in school 180 days per year and the first and last day of school as well as the school breaks are all the same.

Pre-Primary (Toddler) Program Enrollment

As current students re-enrolling in next years program, you have preference for your choice of programs. Those children currently enrolled in our Pre-Primary program have preference to participate in the program for next year if your child is not yet three as of September 1st. Please be sure to read the Parent/Student Handbook as there have been some changes. Currently we are full for next year! We offer 2, 3, 5 day and full day 5 day for our Pre-Primary (Toddlers).

Primary Program Enrollment

Primary Program enrollment papers will be distributed in this weeks take home folders. Tuition is \$6,400.00 per year. We do have a half-day option for our 3 year-old students at a rate of only \$5,400.00 per year. Returning Montessori students return to the same classroom next year. We discourage moving children from class to class. If you have an academic reason why you would like your child to be in a different class, you may submit it to me in writing and we, the Directresses and myself, will take it into consideration when we place our new students after this school year ends.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp is available to all returning and new primary and pre-primary students of MCS. Older siblings may be accepted based on availability, but it should be noted that most projects/activities are geared towards our students entering MCS. The last day of school is Friday, June 10th. It is also an early dismissal day, getting out at 12:45pm. Camp will be offered on a weekly basis beginning June 20th through July 29th. Camp hours are from 8:30am until 5:00pm. We will distribute a camp brochure/registration form by the end of the month.

We raised over \$1,000.00 with our Hop-A-Thon last month, thank you to all families who participated. The children learned about children with disabilities and furthered their education on acceptance and tolerance of others. Enrichment begins next week, and it looks like another full session. We have one more **fundraising** opportunity for those of you that have not yet fulfilled your obligation. The World class fishing tournament sponsored by our local Rotary Club is coming up and we need 7 volunteers on Monday, April 11th. Please see information on the next page and contact me ASAP. We also have our spring concert on April 21st @ 9:30am. Mark your calendar and come enjoy this fun event.

Peace in Education,

Kim Livingston

WORKPAY!

- Workpay party THIS Saturday @ 8am
- Leaf blowing it looks like fall!
- Change A/C filters
- FUNDRAISER - We need 7 volunteers to help out with the world sailfish Tournament
- 2 Large umbrellas

WORLD SAILFISH

TOURNAMENT 2010

Every year, the Rotary Club sponsors one of the biggest fishing events in the Florida Keys. All proceeds go to children's programs and we are fortunate enough to be able to get in on this amazing event. We need seven people from 9am until noon on Monday, April 11th for manual labor. This is a great opportunity for the school, let me know if you can help.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 7 - Thursday, Planning and Development meeting @ 3:00pm in Kapok room
- April 7 - Thursday, Pre-Primary meeting for school year 2011/2012 @ 5:30pm lunch area
- April 7 - Thursday, Re-enrollment packets go home in the take-home folders
- April 10 - Monday, Sailfish tournament help
- April 12 - Tuesday, Pre-Primary meeting for school year 2011/2012 @ 9:30am lunch area
- April 21 - Thursday, annual spring concert, more details to come
- April 22 - Friday, no school day, no childcare provided

We cannot know the consequences of suppressing a child's spontaneity when he is just beginning to be active. We may even suffocate life itself. That humanity which is revealed in all its intellectual splendor during the sweet and tender age of childhood should be respected with a kind of religious veneration. It is like the sun which appears at dawn or a flower just beginning to bloom. Education cannot be effective unless it helps a child to open up himself to life.