



# Evanston Montessori Children's House April 2013

Dear Parents,

“Averting war is the work of politicians; establishing peace is the work of education.”

Maria Montessori

## **Peace Education**

We build a community of peace and respect at our children's house. As children work with each other, they get the sense of working together in a community. To keep the environment calm, Mozart's music is played during the day. A sense of confidence and peace is also instilled in children through various yoga poses. At the end of chanting they say, “You are kind, responsible and peaceful children.” If you repeat the same at home, these strengths will be ingrained in their minds more. Also, we suggest that you do not let them watch video or TV programs that promote violence.



## Local Area Police Officer Visits

A police officer visited on Friday, April 27 to talk about his profession. Children asked him many interesting questions. He spoke to them about safety and gave them junior police badges.



## Candid Pictures

A professional photographer took children's candid pictures on Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27. It was a normal school day and the children were working on their projects. You have the option to buy these pictures.

## Projects

### Life Cycle of a Chicken



Other than working with Montessori materials, our children love to participate in projects. Here they have the opportunities to create, discover and fulfill their curiosity. Their first project was about life cycle of a chicken. They looked at the books which we brought from the library, discussed, asked questions and made life cycle of a chicken on a paper and also presented it by using paper mashie technique, egg shells and play dough.

### **Thanks Sarah Vandoel!**

Sarah, Dalia's mother, organized a trip to Children's Kohl's museum on Wednesday, April 17. Our children explored a variety of activities and played interesting games. They were excited to see egg incubator, chicks hatching, and new born chicks. Eggs to Chicks exhibit was a memorable educational opportunity for the children.

### **Garage Sale**

Our second project was to plan a pretend garage sale. The children created many projects and then chose the best to sell. Through this work they learned about the value of US money, symbols of money and calculations.

### **Grandparents' Day**

Grandparents brought their wonderful insight into their children's Montessori educational process on Thursday, April 11. They helped children with their projects and read stories to them. Moreover, their presence added lots of love and joy to an already exciting environment. Thanks to all the grandparents who visited our Montessori school. We hope you enjoyed your time with us.



*"Which cube is bigger?" Two year old Adviat asked his grandmother.*

### **Thank you John Kim!**



On Thursday, April 18, John Kim, father of Lucas and Nathan showed our children Korea on Asia's map. Children watched Korean dance and learned a few words in Korean. This presentation also helped them learn concept of a peninsula.

## **Parents-Teacher Conferences**

At our children's house, we have conferences twice a year-once in the fall and once in the spring. Children accompanied their parents and participated in an interactive discussion on Friday, April 19. They also performed their favorite activities with their parents and showed them their art and craft work.

## **Presentation on South America**



Dadny Urrutia, who is from South America, told children about the history and culture of her continent. Children were excited to put on a poncho, a garment of a type originally worn in South America, and danced to the Peruvian music. They learned about Incas, Chaski, and Qechua, local language of Peru.

## ***Habla Espaniol***

Children are enjoying learning to count in 10s and singing alphabets song in Spanish. They are also repeating names of days, animals, colors, expressions and songs.

## **Dates to Remember**

### **Mother's Day Breakfast**

Friday, May 10

9:00 am-11:00 am

## **Graduation Ceremony and Potluck**

Thursday, May 16

4:30-6:00

## **Memorial Day (Children's House Closed)**

Monday, May 27

## **Last Day of Academic Year**

Thursday, May 31

## **Summer Camp Begins**

Monday, June 3

## **Tips for creating Montessori at Home**

Place small pitchers in the refrigerator within child's reach for their drinks. Be sure to also have cups and a sponge (for cleaning spills) nearby.

It is our pleasure to work with you and your children. Thank you for being such a great community.



*"A child becomes person through work."*

-Maria Montessori

Fondly,

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