



# **Evanston Montessori Children's House May 2018**

Dear Parents,

“There is a good reason they call these ceremonies ‘commencement exercises’. Graduation is not the end, it’s the beginning.” (Orrin Hatch)

## **Field Trip to Emily Oak Nature Center**



On Thursday, May 31 we visited Emily Oak Nature Center. The children had fun playing at the playground, walking through the nature trail around a pond and exploring indoor tree house room. At the end they enjoyed eating lunch on the picnic tables.

### **Graduation Ceremony**





### *Caps for Sale*

It has been another wonderful year filled with many accomplishments. On Saturday, May 19, Evanston Montessori Children's house celebrated its sixth annual graduation ceremony and commemorated the achievements of Aden Tanyavuth, Aliya Cohen, Ayumi Nishioka, Everett Lemelin. Liyana Nayeerah Alam, Ryunosuke Nishioka, Timothy James Robert Sales and Veronica Smith. Matilda Sales Sunshine, our former student hosted the ceremony confidently. Well done Matilda! It was a pleasure to see the children sing in English, Spanish, Japanese and Urdu. They performed an interesting play based on the book, 'Caps for Sale.'

The parents were delighted to watch a slide show which presented their children's performance during their stay at Evanston Montessori. Commencement ended with refreshments. Our children have developed into independent, responsible and peaceful human beings. I am sure

wherever they go; they will create a peaceful and loving environment around them.

## **International Day**



To celebrate diversity at EMCH we celebrated international day on Saturday, May 5th. It was a celebration of food, music, cultures and traditions that make up our EMCH community. Each family hosted a table in the backyard that highlighted a country of their significance.

## **Life Cycle of a Chicken**

We incubated 9 eggs for three weeks and on day 21, six hatched - a great result! It was so sweet to see how excited and caring everyone was while meeting these little ones.



## **Life Cycle of a Butterfly**

Our children observed 14 live caterpillars changing into chrysalis and then into beautiful painted lady butterflies. They were excited to let the butterflies free and watched them flying away. They also enjoyed ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ in English and in Spanish.

**We will miss you**



## Best Memories

“My favorite memory from this academic year was seeing how much Everly’s confidence grew through school. She especially loves painting, playing with water and playing outside. She also loves the 'goodbye song' and sings it every day.

Thank you to you and Miss Viviana for all that you do to nurture, educate and care for Everly!”

Kelly

“I think Fiona’s favorite memory was when when the chicks hatched, she was very excited to show us the chicks on International Day!”

Grace

“My sweetest memory of Liyana at EMCH for the academic year 2017-2018 is from Dad's Visiting Day. Liyana had really enjoyed that special day with me the previous academic year and anxiously waited for it to return. When it finally did, she was overjoyed to have me in her classroom during school hours and showed me around the room, explaining everything she does with her friends and how she does every task, from doing Math or practicing to write to washing the dishes or feeding Nemo. Being able to give me a glimpse of her time in school truly delighted her and made her proud. Her eyes lit up at my presence and she was literally jumping for joy. Seeing her enjoy EMCH so much and make such happy memories while learning and growing into a confident girl made me proud as a father, a feeling I share with Liyana's mother, as she had a similar experience during her Mother's Day visit. These memories, among others, are memories of our EMCH Graduate we will always cherish.”

Anwar

“We do enjoy this photo of Nathan a lot from school recently :)”

Ari

“I've loved to see Sam bringing his fondness for Children's House home with him. He calls the park where you go "Children's House Friends' Park," for instance, and he named several of his buses and trains and trucks after his classmates-- he has a pick up truck named Sophia, for instance, and a red bus named Noah. Truly a compliment!”

Rebecca

“My favorite memory from this past year has to be the graduation ceremony. I loved seeing the children performing and how they've grown this past year. It's so impressive how these little ones sang songs in several languages. It was a pleasure to watch them.”

Laura

### **Dates to Remember**

June 1- July 13

Summer Camp

Let's Discover Mexico

Tuesday September 4

Start of academic year

2018-2019

Our children are young scientists, great mathematicians and wonderful human beings. We are so proud of them. My dream of nurturing children has only transformed into reality because of endless cooperation from the wonderful families like you. Thank you for your continued support and trust. We look forward to another great school year in 2018-2019!

Have a fun- filled summer!

“I do have a childlike enthusiasm at times. I certainly enjoy life and get pleasure sometimes in childish things.” Brian Baumgartner

Fondly,

Bash