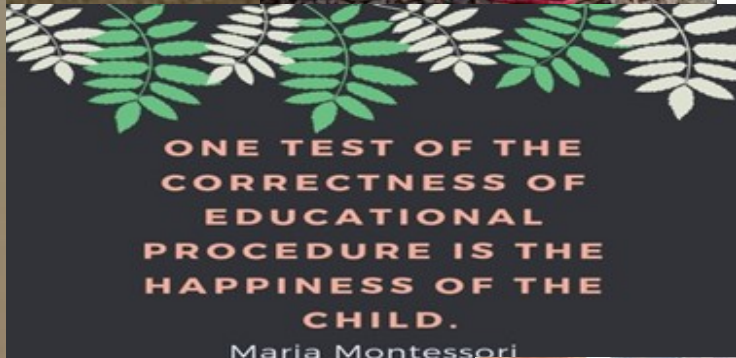
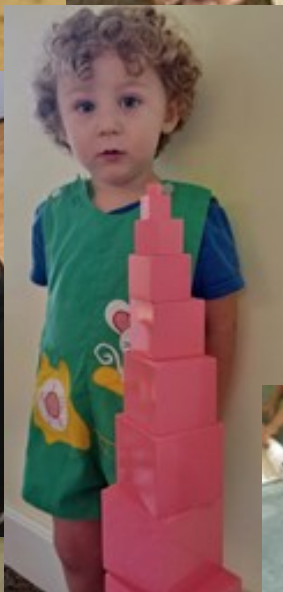


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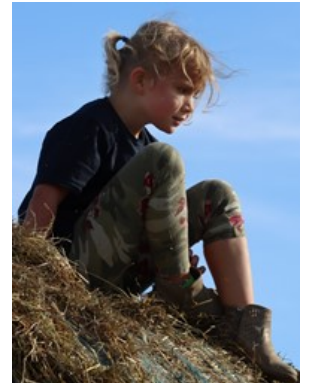
A NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF CANTON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Oct/Nov 2019





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Parents Association

If you are interested in helping with the PA, please contact Kristin Worley at:
parents@cantonmontessori.org

GARDEN ROOM GAB

The Garden Room students are off and running for another exciting year. Everyone is very eager to learn, they are all like sponges picking up our routines very quickly and falling into our daily schedule. Practical life is a favorite of all of the students. They love washing windows, sweeping up spills and using a mop to clean the floors, and especially washing their dishes after meals.

We have been exploring as the season turns from summer to autumn. The children have already been noticing the leaves starting to change and the acorns falling from the trees. We are also learning about how the squirrels are beginning to collect food for winter. Some children walk around with buckets to collect the acorns and place them under the tree. In the afternoon, they return to see how many have been taken away.

We want to thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's education.

Carla, Tanya and Krista

Wish List:

Fall Stickers.

Small pumpkins

Fall Flannel backed table cloth.

Several large bags of pumpkin seeds unsalted for scooping.

2 large pumpkins

gourds

Indian corn



Thank you- Thank you- Thank you

Addison and family for the bibs and playdoh work.

Evelyn and family for stickers and foam pumpkins.



Sun Room News

What a fantastic start to the new school year we've had. Friends began the year learning about dinosaurs. We explored the sizes of dinosaurs; what they liked to eat and discovered how many friends can fit inside a T. Rex foot. Now that Autumn is here, we have been talking acorns, squirrels and pumpkins. Everyone is especially fond of the book *Little Acorn Grows Up*. Not only have we been learning about the life cycle of the pumpkin but we've been cooking with pumpkin too. Friends are harvesting seeds to toast and our special Halloween treat will be pumpkin ice cream.

In preparation for cold & flu season, friends have been learning about the body and how to keep it healthy. We have learned about germs, the importance of washing our hands and covering when you cough or sneeze. Friends are really enjoying the books *Sherm the Germ*, *Noses Are Not for Picking* and *Germs Are Not for Sharing*.

Next month, we'll be learning about and cooking with apples as well as discussing Thanksgiving.

Jennifer and Rachell



THE BALLROOM

We kicked off the school year exploring all things “space”. The students sang songs about the planets and learned about the sun, stars and moon.

We also completed our sunflower unit. Using tweezers, students removed seeds from the sunflower. We estimated and then counted every single seed! The actual number...1,253!

A warm welcome to Alexis! Alexis is a Kent State education major completing her field experience in the Ballroom every Tuesday and Thursday mornings through November.

Mrs. Bridget and Mrs. Cat

Ballroom Thank You's

- The Higgins family for the continent animals
- Mr. Tim for the sunflowers
- The Naugle's, Parker's, Grover's Higgins', Ver-siackas', Humble's, Evans' and Foraker's for the pumpkins, Indian corn, apples and markers!



Kindergarten Enrichment

Kindergarteners in the afternoon enrichment program spent the first three weeks of school exploring the Cretaceous period, learning about paleontologists, herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. Our next unit has us traveling back in time to the Medieval Period, researching castles and knights. Students also participate in weekly specials of Physical Education, Music, Art, and French. We visit our CMS library once a week to check out a book and attended our first Field trip to the Palace Theatre to watch the Canton Ballet perform, *Peter and the Wolf*.

Mrs. Bridget



The Parlor

The students in the Parlor are feeling the changes that come along with Fall. Students discuss the weather and temperature daily, noticing the change in daylight as they arrive to school. As Winter approaches please make sure that your child has appropriate outdoor gear (snowsuit, boots, hat, waterproof gloves are all recommended) as we go out daily even in the colder months.

The Parlor welcomed a new class pet fish and snail. Thank you to Jax and his family for donating the fish and accessories.

If you haven't signed up for parent teacher conferences, the schedule is located in the cubby area of the Parlor. If you need a different time, please let me know at oyount@cantonmontessori.org. I look forward to meeting with you all.

Olivia

Greetings from the Loft! We have been very busy in our environment for the past 6 weeks, welcoming friends both old and new, learning names and faces, and building the foundation of our peaceful classroom. I can honestly say that your children are very happy to be at school, and Samantha and I feel the same way! Our focus during those first few weeks was getting to know one another, as well as feeling comfortable speaking in front of the group. We have several songs that we are singing daily in order to provide that consistency children crave at this age. Learning the days of the week has been most enjoyable thanks to a book by Eric Carle called *Today is Monday*. The children anticipate it with pure joy each and every day.

We started the year with an introduction to the earth in order to celebrate several birthdays. The child holds the globe as he or she makes his way around the sun, demonstrating how many years he or she has been alive. This led into a discussion about the four seasons which we continue to talk about on a daily basis. Next, we had an introduction to the seven continents. Please ask them to sing the continent song for you! We talked about the composition of the earth being land and water, and discussed the habitats of many animals we might see in both. Next came the solar system. The children have been VERY excited discussing the planets, and learning many distinguishable facts about them. And yes, there is another song which I hope you have all heard by now.

As we get further into fall we have included apples and pumpkins throughout several areas of the environment. The art and practical life shelves have been extremely popular with this group. Samantha and I love to see their concentration and creativity shine! We will begin studying each continent separately now beginning with North America. Did they tell you about the yesterday's ship building experiment? We discussed Christopher Columbus's voyage, and then constructed ships which we then "sailed" right in our classroom. Everyone was so excited! In fact, we have been doing science experiments weekly, and they are always a hit. We will be talking a lot about the Pilgrims and Native Americans in the coming weeks in anticipation of Thanksgiving. I hope to do some cooking in the classroom too.

Samantha and I truly love working together, and we feel so lucky to have your kids with us each day. Thank you for your continued support and of course for entrusting us with your children. We feel as though our class has already made great strides to come together as friends and as a nice cohesive group. We look forward to what the future holds in store for us all in the coming months as our class continues to grow.

All the best,

Molly



LOWER ELEMENTARY



Officer Sharpe stopped by for a visit at the CMS Elementary building!



Students ended their land and water form studies



First, second, and third graders continue learning about time and how it relates to them. The earth spinning on its axis, orbiting the sun, years, seasons, months and days are all important lessons to help students understand time. Next, we will be using timelines in relation to ancient civilizations and famous people in history.

REMINDER- Please remember to complete your choir shirt order form via email ASAP. \$15 will be due in November. Thank you

Upper Elementary

Upper Elementary students are enjoying playing golf in this beautiful fall weather at First Tee of Canton and outside at the Annex, too! Students are practicing their short game by learning to putt, chip and pitch.

Students are hard at work in our Science Lab with 6th graders learning how to identify Rocks and Minerals, 5th graders learning about Centripetal and Centrifugal Force, and 4th graders making Oobleck and exploring the properties of liquids and solids.

Students have grade-level History lessons, too. Sixth grade students are studying the Ancient civilizations of the Eastern Hemisphere such as Mesopotamia, India, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Japan, Ancient Africa, and the Greeks and Romans. Fifth grade students are learning about Ancient American Civilizations and American Indians of the Western Hemisphere. Fourth grade students study famous people, geography and history of the State of Ohio. We are also using our Montessori math materials to learn 2-digit divisor long division and using the Cubing materials to construct a 3-dimensional representation of a Trinomial Equation.

The structure of our classroom allows each student to work at their level and at their own pace with no limits on how far they can progress. We are so proud of our students and their courage to challenge themselves academically!

Mrs. White

