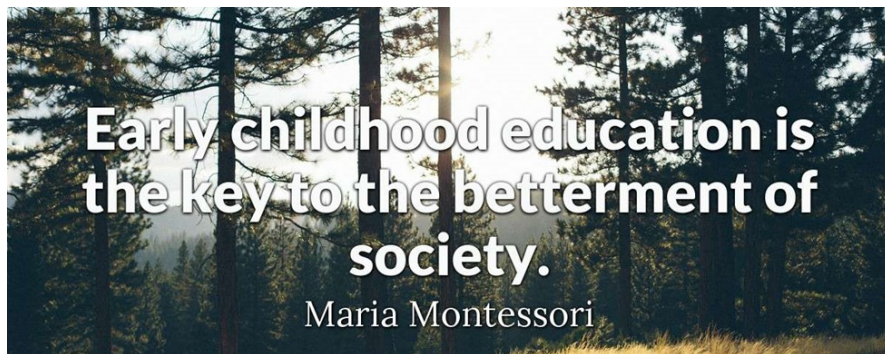


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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF CANTON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

October 2020



Garden Room Gab

Happy November!! We just want to let you know we are so thankful for all of our Garden Room children. They bring so much joy and laughter to our lives, far more than we have given them. We are thankful for such wonderful parents whom has entrusted us with this special gift of allowing us to teach your children. You have continually blessed us with our wish list items, we couldn't do this without you.

The children have been busy with all of our fall activities - they have really enjoyed flower arranging. We use a glass vase and the children have been so careful as to not break it. A few other activities we have engaged in are, examining gourds and their various textures and shapes; scooping acorns from one container to another and many more fun learning experiences. We have also been working on our fall songs—the children love to sing. If you are interested I can print the lyrics and send you a copy.

Thank you for all of your support!

Carla, Tanya and Krista

Wish list

Holiday Stickers

BINGO Markers



Sun Room News

October has been such a fun month!! Friends have been enjoying the fall themed work and books. Pumpkins have been an inspiration for many of our activities. We cut open pumpkins to examine them; roasted and ate the seeds and even planted some to watch grow. The highlight was making pumpkin ice cream.

As we are approaching cold and flu season, friends are learning about germs and ways to avoid them. The book *Sherm the Germ* and the 3D bacteria model have been very popular. We will be continuing to learn about health and hygiene over the next few months.

Thank you to Carson and Soleil's families for the gourds and pumpkins.

- Jennifer & Rachell



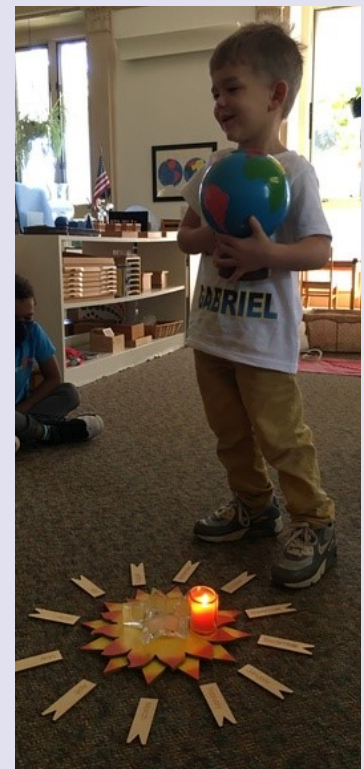
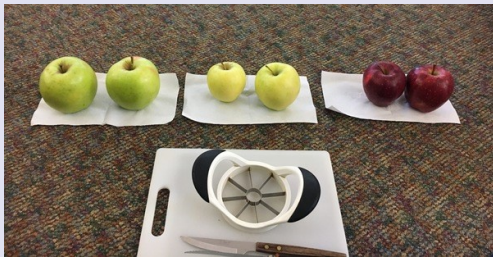
The Ballroom

Ballroom students welcomed Fall with apple tasting, making crockpot applesauce and learning about the life cycle of sunflowers, apples and pumpkins. We are classifying living and nonliving, observing fall changes and naming the oceans and continents on our globes and maps. North America will be our focus this month, as we explore the countries, animals and people.

-Bridget and Daniela



****Thank you to the Parker family for the apple donation****



Kindergarten Enrichment

Kindergarteners traveled to Egypt to explore the pyramids of Giza while reading *Mummies in the Morning* by Mary Pope Osborne. Students will construct their own pyramids, explore the gifts of the Nile and solve messages written with hieroglyphs. Kindergarteners also enjoy weekly specials of French, Music, Art, Movement/Gym and Friday visits to our school library!

- Mrs. Bridget

****Thank you to the Fowler family for the souvenirs from Egypt****





Loft Life



The children have really settled in to our environment beautifully. We have had a very busy month studying some of their favorite subjects. We loved watching the growth of the seeds planted in cotton and hanging in our windows. We discussed the parts of an apple, did some apple tasting and made a chart of the class favorites. The winner was Granny Smith! We are finishing up with pumpkins and their seeds, which we will be carving and toasting this week. The children also had an opportunity to do some cooking this month. The pumpkin shaped waffles were definitely a hit. Later this week we will do our pumpkin volcanoes as our science experiment.

We focused on the land and water of the earth and introduced lake/island in geography. We continue to practice the continent song in order to familiarize the children with all of them before we concentrate on one at a time. Ask them to sing the song for you. Our first continent study will be North America. That being said, if anyone has any special items from home relating in any way to North America, we would welcome sharing them with our students. Just let me know and we can make arrangements.

Just a reminder that our snack calendar is posted on the website. Your child's snack day is also their "sharing" day. Please try to encourage your child to bring something with special meaning to them. We thank you so much for providing our daily snacks. I look forward to touching base with you all during conference week in November, but please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any time.



Miss Molly & Miss Samantha



The Parlor

The students in the Parlor are feeling the changes that come along with Fall. Students discuss the weather and temperature daily. 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. We also have several snails that the students enjoy watching. Students sprouted Lima beans and their plants will be coming home soon.

We will send “art boxes” home over Thanksgiving break. Please replenish and return them.

I will be reaching out to you all soon regarding parent teacher conferences. I am excited to have an opportunity to share all of the amazing things that are happening with your student.

-Ms. Olivia



LOWER ELEMENTARY

Lower elementary students have finished up their studies of land and water forms. First level students practiced using a compass and the cardinal directions on a map. Second level students practice reading a map and following directions. Third level students created their own island map that included several land and water forms. They also rounded out their physical geography unit by creating a model where they had to try and prevent erosion as well as oil pollution from spreading into the waterways.

- Mrs. Liotti



Upper Elementary

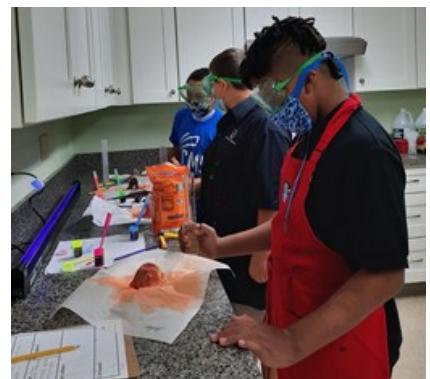


Upper Elementary students completed a very thorough study of the Geology of Earth. Students completed science experiments and projects on the Rock Cycle, Plate Tectonics, Layers of the Earth, and Parts of a Volcano. They even created their own clay volcanos with a magma chamber and erupted their volcanoes with neon lava under a black light! We have a complete collection of materials that allow students to explore, in-depth, the geological processes of Earth. Students use materials to understand the supercontinent Pangaea and how over millions of years, Earth's plates moved the continents to their current configuration. Students used our rock collection to see examples of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated space for students to conduct science experiments and materials that allow students to interact with advanced scientific knowledge.

The Presidential Election gives students the perfect opportunity to learn about our Democracy. We have materials that teach students about the Separation of Powers and the 27 Amendments to the Constitution. Students will also work on a long-term research project of the 45 presidents of the United States. We are anxiously waiting for November 3rd and whether we will have a 46th president!

Upper Elementary students love Art with Mrs. Liotti! In addition to creating art that reflects our curriculum, students also create seasonal art like pumpkins using an oil pastel/resist technique.

- Mrs. White



-Head of School Chat-

Elementary Physical Education

Both Lower and Upper Elementary are well into their 20-21 Phys. Ed. year with Mr. Matt. Check out the highlights below:

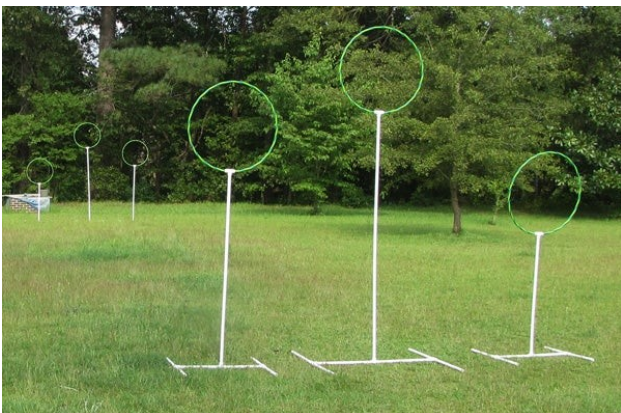
Lower Elementary:

- cruised the cosmos learning about planets with “Solar System Collection”**
- continued our planet study by learning about equivalence, similarity, & congruence while playing “Planet Scale Basketball”**
- investigated distance and how it relates to the planets while working on our running form with the “Planet Distance” game**
- reviewed the Timeline of Life with “Predator and Prey Pool Noodle Tag”**

Upper Elementary:

- worked on basic basketball skills, dribbling, passing, shooting, in preparation for...**
- ”Constellation Basketball” , assisting us with constellation identification while demonstrating our new basketball skills, related to the First Great Lesson**
- continued our relational study of the First Great Lesson with “Life Cycle of a Star Quidditch”**

-Quidditch goals





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