

# CMS FAMILY



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF CANTON MONTESSORI SCHOOL



**The goal of early childhood education**  
should be to activate the child's  
own natural **desire to learn.**

— Maria Montessori —

## Around the 15th Street Campus:

Our friends in the Parlor found a huge slug on their playground which visited the other environments. It was quite a sight and inspired our toddler closer Ms. Kiran to create this fabulous pen and ink drawing.



# Garden Room Gab

We want to start off with what a fantastic start to the school year it has been. The Garden Room students are busy learning all about apples. We are scooping, pouring, counting, matching, washing and cooking with apples.

The children are also mastering the skills of returning their work to the shelves, washing dishes and cleaning up after lunch and snack. It is a sight to see so much independence in the youngest of students in the CMS community.

We are going to have a fabulous year!

Miss Carla and Miss Tanya

Here is a fingerplay play we have been working on...

*Way up high in the apple tree, two red apples smiled at me.*

*I shook that tree as hard as I could and down came the apples and umm were they good.*

Thank you to:

- Penelope and family for the gourds.
- Archer and family for the gourds and mini pumpkins
- Amby and Auggie and family for the books.
- Wolf and family for the plants
- Ellis and family for the plants



# Sun Room News

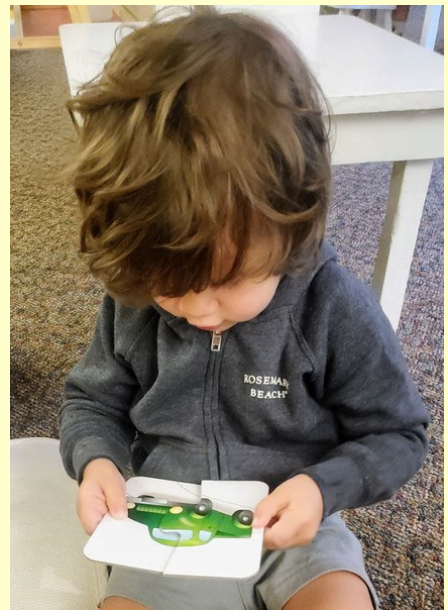
First, we want to extend a big welcome to all of the new families joining us in the Sun Room for the 2022-2023. We are also thrilled to welcome back some familiar faces to our classroom. Looking forward to an exciting school year.

To begin the year, friends have been learning about transportation and community helpers. Everyone has been particularly interested in learning about fire fighters and their vehicles. We have also learned about pilots, bus drivers, police officers, paramedics and what they drive as well.

A huge thanks to all the parents who donated from our wish list. It has been such a huge help!

As we move into the new season, we will be learning more about the leaves changing and pumpkins. In addition, we will be studying germs and how to stay healthy during cold and flu season.

Miss Jennifer and Miss Krista



# ***The Ballroom***

Ballroom students welcomed the new school year with Science experiments, exploring the Solar System and identifying the parts of a sunflower. During our circle time, students discussed and implemented ground rules to help protect our peaceful work cycle. Lessons in Grace and Courtesy have been abundant as we assist students with vocabulary and steps to follow in social situations. Greeting others, using soft voices during the work cycle, using polite words and resolving conflict are just a few of the daily lessons offered to guide the children in building respect and responsibility throughout the day.

**Mrs. Bridget and Mrs. Kiran**



# Kindergarten Enrichment

**Our full day kindergarten students traveled back in time as we explored the Cretaceous Period. Students researched herbivores, omnivores and carnivores and even held Dinosaur dung.**

**Kindergarteners also participate in Specials, (Music/Theatre, Art, French and Movement/Exercise) each week.**

**Mrs. Bridget**



# The Loft

Hello parents! It's hard to believe we have been back to school for nearly 5 weeks now. The children are settling nicely into our daily routine, exploring all areas of the environment, and forming new relationships. We have had a strong focus this month on grace and courtesy. Having a large group snack daily has been key in demonstrating proper manners and etiquette while eating, and has also been a wonderful way to develop patience. As of this week we have switched to individual snack where the children serve themselves when they are hungry. Food preparation is always a very popular activity in the classroom as well.

Another focus has been on caring for our environment. The children take such pride in our classroom! Each day we have volunteers to help with daily chores that are essential in maintaining a sense of order in the room. The new addition of a "dust buster" has been quite a hit! We have to remember how capable they are of doing so many tasks that they see us performing daily. This helps to build their confidence in so many ways.

We have finished our study of the solar system, and now we are focusing on the Earth. We discussed the three states of matter, and now we are able to connect that study with Earth. We have been classifying land, air and water vehicles, animals and objects in nature. We have experimented with sink and float as well. Currently we are studying seeds, plants and apples. We are growing our own seeds in the classroom, so that the children can actually see the parts. They are so excited!

Soon we will start cooking, so be on the lookout for sign ups to provide ingredients. Your support is much appreciated!

Samantha and I feel so lucky to be together with this wonderful group of students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you ever have any concerns. We are off to a great start! Thank you for entrusting your children to us.

Miss Molly & Miss Samantha



# *The Parlor*

A warm welcome to CMS from The Parlor! We had a terrific start to the school year by concentrating on the ground rules. These are the guidelines that allow the students to move around and make their own decisions in the classroom. Examples include learning to speak to others, listening to others, properly interrupting others, and moving around the classroom securely and respectfully.

Following that, we discussed community helpers. The students gained knowledge about every person who resides and works in their community.

We finished the first month of school by learning about multiple countries, flags, and wildlife on our native continent, North America.

Additionally, the students have been enthusiastically exploring the classroom. Learning about each of their unique personalities and passions has been a pleasure. I can't wait to see how they grow over the year as they continue to strive in the classroom to achieve their fullest potential and gain self-confidence that will serve them for the rest of their life.

Miss Courtney and Miss Rachell



# LOWER ELEMENTARY

Lower Elementary has started the school year with the classic Montessori elementary lesson: The First Great Lesson. This lesson examines the coming of the universe and is designed to give students a sense of their place in the universe. This interactive lesson sparks lots of interest in planets, the sun, the formation of earth, and is followed up with engaging science experiments. The First Great Lesson leads into a deeper study of the solar system, volcanoes, land and water forms, and the changing seasons. Recently students received the Second Great Lesson: the Coming of Life. This lesson introduces students to the interconnectedness of all life on Earth and how life changes over time. Students are now exploring the different ways to classify animals as well as examining an overview of botany studies. Speaking of plants, we discussed the different parts of plants and how they connect to food. We ended last week by making homemade applesauce. Thank you to Gale Ross, Manny's grandma, for loaning us an old fashion apple sauce machine! Thank you, also, to families who have donated items from our wish list. We are so appreciative!

Mrs. Liotti and Mrs. Chandler



# Upper Elementary

Montessori elementary students everywhere start the new school year contemplating their place in the Universe with the First Great Lesson: The Birth of the Universe. Our Upper Elementary students are active participants in the lesson by using materials to learn about Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy, Earth Science, and Meteorology. Students experienced Newton's First Law of Motion (Inertia) and Centripetal and Centrifugal force using the Greek Waiter Tray experiment. Spinning a glass of water on a tray in a circular motion helped us make the floors extra clean that day! Other experiments included building atoms using the Bohr model and seeing the Kinetic Molecular Theory using the Bouncing Ball Distillation.

When Upper Elementary students aren't catching Monarch butterflies in the green space or serving pizza lunch as a part of our class business, they love to be role models to their Lower Elementary friends. We spent an afternoon sharing our work with Lower El students.

Mrs. White





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