

# CMS FAMILY



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF CANTON MONTESSORI SCHOOL





# Garden Room

The children had such a fantastic time creating valentines for each other, they were the most beautiful cards that came straight from the heart. On Valentine's Day, the students waited patiently for their turn to give these special gifts to their friends. Each child sat smiling with their bag wide open to receive them. I love this tradition at CMS.



We have also been learning about our black history heroes. We used language cards with Dr. King, Rosa Parks, Judge Ira Turpin, Mae Jemison, President Barack Obama, and many more. The older children were able to tell you a bit about each figure, while younger children could pick them out from the pile when asked. Seeing the children giving each other lessons using these cards was such a joy.



Just a few reminders Spring Fling is coming up on Saturday, April 29th, at Varian Orchard. Watch for more information. The toddlers have been hard at work making this year's silent auction item from the Garden Room. In my opinion, this is the best project ever. I want to send a special shoutout to Emily Bernadine (CMS Sub and Mrs. Tanya's Daughter) for making this project a reality.



We are looking forward to Spring in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you for allowing us to care for your tiny humans.

Mrs. Carla & Mrs. Tanya

# Sun Room



During January, students focused on identifying their feelings for themselves and others. Building on identifying our feelings, we began using breathing techniques to regulate our emotions. We also learned about Artic animals and explored the snowy weather.

In February, students discussed diversity in honor of black history month. With Valentine's Day, we also discussed how we could express love and care for one another in the classroom. We studied heart shapes and focused on shades of skin and the colors around us.

As we transition from winter to spring in March, we focus on our seasons and all the changes happening outside. We have begun identifying our seasons and discussing some activities we do in each, as well as some things we may see outside specifically for spring, such as insects or flowers.

Ms. Krista



# The Ballroom

Ballroom students welcomed in the new year with party hats and winter fun. We explored the states of matter, (solids, liquids, and gas), waddled like penguins of Antarctica, practiced the Cha Cha Cha of South America, and ran wild and fast like the flightless Ostrich of Africa.

Students also celebrated the great peacemakers, MLK Jr. and Maria Montessori and spread kindness and love while creating valentines for friends and family.

Mrs. Bridget and Mrs. Kiran



# Kindergarten Enrichment

Pirates, Ninjas, and BUGS galore. The full-day kindergarteners traveled through time exploring Pirate ships, the Amazon rainforest, and ancient Japan. Our ancient Japanese studies culminated with a lovely tea and sushi party and a visit from Ninja Casey!

Mrs. Bridget





# The Loft

Since the new year, students in the Loft have studied Antarctica, Europe, and Asia. We discuss animals, languages, landmarks, climates, terrains, and foods, all native to these continents. This allows us to do research together, and then use our information to do so many things. Math problems, art projects, sentence writing, opposites, weather, and habitats are among the list of discussions and projects. We will end the year with Africa and Australia. We traveled all the way around the world!

In science, we did a deep dive into penguins and moved on to birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. Coming soon will be fish and oceans. May is everyone's favorite ... insects and butterflies.

We have enjoyed welcoming many new students to the Loft and many parent visits. Grandparents Day is always a fun time for our students to share their accomplishments. We thank you all for participating. The children are so proud to share their work!

We would like to wish everyone a happy spring! We certainly hope the winter chills are behind us. Speaking of spring ... Samantha and I are so excited about our Spring Fling project! The students have worked so hard on creating a truly one-of-a-kind masterpiece! We look forward to seeing you all at this fun event on April 29th.

All the best,  
Miss Molly and Miss Samantha



# The Parlor



This winter in the Parlor, the class welcomed their new Directress, Ms. Michelle. They have enjoyed learning about snowflakes, the coffee plant, fish, amphibians, and reptiles as they study Science. Several continents have been visited with their geography shelf, including Antarctica, Asia, and Africa. The students have enjoyed learning about those continents' many different cultures and beautiful landmarks. A favorite activity is discussing what the climate might be like and how we would pack if we were taking a trip to that continent. Some have SEVERAL climates, so we needed LARGE pretend suitcases.



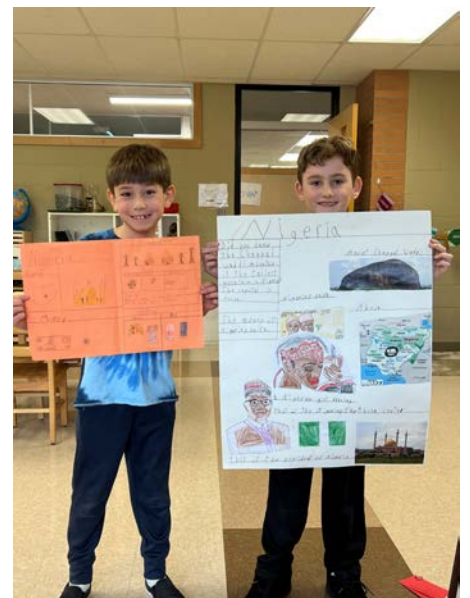
Sensorial and practical life have brought opportunities for students to learn how to dress themselves for the cold weather and about primary and secondary colors. They even mix their own colors with a variety of materials. As spring approaches, children have begun making their own rainbow and creating one on the rug using our color tiles. The parlor is looking forward to the coming season of Spring and all there is to learn.

Ms. Michelle and Ms. Rachell



# Lower Elementary

The Lower Elementary students continued their cultural studies in the areas of Zoology, Geography, Social Studies, and Botany. Students in grades one to three are drawn to these subjects, and thus they provide ample opportunities for reading, research, and critical thinking skill-building in our Montessori Environments.





# Upper Elementary

After our Willy Wonka Kids performance in January, Upper Elementary students were inspired to do their own Broadway Musical research. Aladdin, Annie, The Lion King, Hamilton, and Phantom of the Opera were just a few of the musicals researched. Students dressed in a costume from their musical, made a diorama of a scene, created a musical poster and a slideshow presentation using Google Slides.

Upper Elementary students chose books (donated by our generous parents) for Literature Circle groups. Students are reading *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech, *PAX* by Sara Pennypacker, and *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Every Monday morning, we meet to discuss last week's chapters. As a group, we decide how much we are going to read, and we write about what we have read in our reading response journals. It's important to come to our group ready to discuss!

Upper Elementary learned about the steadily increasing number sequence known as the Fibonacci Sequence. Students found examples of the Fibonacci Sequence in nature, art, and architecture. On March 14th (or 3.14), we explored the ratio of the circumference of a circle to the diameter of that circle, known as Pi. We measured and calculated the circumference and area of a circle. Students challenged themselves to memorize the digits of the irrational number that is Pi. Theo was able to memorize 120 digits of Pi and was crowned the King of Pi for the day! No Pi Day is complete without enjoying a piece of pie for dessert!





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*Spring Fling Fundraiser*  
*April 29, 2023*



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CANTON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

# SUMMER MEET UP

**SATURDAY, MAY 20TH 10:00 AM - NOON**

**VETERAN'S PARK**

1714 Schneider Street NE

**JOIN US FOR FUN IN THE SUN WHILE  
SPENDING TIME WITH OTHER CMS FAMILIES!**

**Popsicles provided**

**RSVP BY MAY 16TH TO  
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There is no rain date available.  
If there is inclement weather  
the event will be canceled.

