



Pink Tower Press

Kennedy Heights Montessori Center Newsletter

A Word From Our Director!



Marybeth Schneider - Executive Director

Welcome new students Rosanna Glaeser (in Mrs. Clark and Ms. Geiger's Montessori class and Ms. Bank's Extended Day group) and her brother Liam Glaeser (in Ms. Geiger and Ms. Paddock's Montessori class and Ms. Sha'ron and Ms. Gabrielle's Extended Day group) and their parents Dena and Bill Glaeser.

This is the time of the year when everything is beginning to wind down but we still have so much to do!! We have openings in the 3-6 program for the 2018-19 school year. Please help us advertise through your wonderful referrals!

"The land is where our roots are. The children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with the Earth." ~Maria Montessori



Birthdays!!!

Ms. Shinkle's Class

- Caroline April 4th
- Kayden April 26th

Mrs. Clark's Class

- Samuel April 13th
- Emerson April 29th

Ms. Carlson's Class

- Nil April 8th
- Ethan April 12

Reminder : **School will be closed March 26-30th for Spring Break.**

Extended Day Program

The Extended Day Teachers

Hello Families,

Spring has finally arrived. All of the children are excited about going outside again. We had a very long and cold winter. We are approaching the end of another great school year. The flyers for the summer camp program will be available soon. Feel free to contact the school office for more information

about signing up for our summer camp program. Sign up quickly spaces fill up really fast. This month the children will make fruit flowers for a food preparation snack.

Happy Spring!

The Extended Day Teachers and Assistants



OHIO'S EARLY LEARNING STANDARD SKILLS

The monthly Theme for April is "Under the Rainbow." The Extended Day teachers will help the children to develop these skills:

- ***Explore familiar sources of the range of colors and the quality of light in the environment (rainbows, sun and shadow)
- ***Observe and use language or drawings to describe weather changes
- ***Explore the different signs of Spring
- ***Nature walks around our school
- ***Lessons on keeping our environment clean
- ***Uses a variety of tools to create art projects (rollers, string, straw and sponges)
- ***Describe a self-made art project (tell what's it about)
- ***Understand the meaning of new words through the use of pictures or the use of concrete objects
- ***Demonstrate an understanding through expression in art projects
- ***Explore new uses for materials through play, art and drama
- ***Demonstrate awareness that others have feelings
- ***Express concern for the needs of others and people in distress

Kindergarten Readiness Skills

- ***Be able to draw a picture and tell a story about it
- ***Tell the main idea of what happens in your picture
- ***Identify characters and setting in the story
- ***Know the difference between fantasy (make-believe) and reality (fact)

The Busy Bees

Mrs. Shinkle, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Hall & Ms. Peacock

Dear Families,

We had so much fun with Grandparent Day. They not only had lessons but, also, learned a few songs.

We will celebrate "Earth Day" as we plant Marigolds and collect litter. An exciting time will be happening when we learn about insects by raising Painted Lady butterflies. You

will hear about the stages of the butterfly. Then the butterflies will be released up on the hill.

Our next continent study will be South America. April Showers bring rainbows, so, there will be plenty of fun lessons. The children will discover by mixing red and blue they have a new color.

We will now be looking forward to our Parent lesson night, Wednesday, April 25th, from 7:00 - 7:45pm (no siblings please, due to lack of space).

Some of the children are using scissors. You may want to get scissors with blunt points and parent supervision. Please have your child use play-doh, crayons, pencils and stringing. These materials support strong finger grasp needed for writing.

I will be giving you a transition paper listing your child's teacher for the 3 - 6 yr. old classroom along with their Extended - Care teacher. If you have any questions just let me know.

Happy Spring,

Phyllis, Karen, Rachael, & April



Mrs. Clark & Ms. Geiger

Dear Families,

April is in our midst, I cannot believe we are heading towards the end of our school year. On Thursday, April 26th at 6:30 we will be having our parent education night. Parents are invited with students so that they can show all of the work that we have been doing throughout the year. We ask that you do not bring siblings to this event; this event is a special time just for them. Invitations will be coming home after spring break. This month on April 21st we will be celebrating Earth Day in our classroom. Also, don't forget spring break is March 26-March 30th. When returning from spring break, please purchase a white (no pockets) T-Shirt for your child. Please write your child's name on the tag or collar and drop it in my mailbox (outside the classroom to the left).

In Geography this month we will be studying Australia. For science we will be focusing on insects, properties of light, clouds and rainbows. We will have butterflies in our classroom and we will be talking about the life cycle of the butterfly. Then we will release them! For food preparation we will be peeling bananas and covering with crushed graham crackers.

In Kindergarten the children will be studying: fossils, dinosaurs, ways to help protect the earth and practicing for our end of the year show. The Kindergartners will be going on a fossil hunt in French Park on Tuesday, April 19 with a rain date of April 26 (11:30-2:30); pack a disposable lunch we will eat in the park.



I appreciate any questions, concerns or comments. Feel free to contact me at 513.526-3874 or you can email me as well at: shannon_callahan@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Shannon & Meghan



Mrs. Roemhild & Ms. Paddock

Dear families,

Spring has sprung! We will have a lot of fun looking for the signs of spring.

As usual, we have many things going on this month. First, if you would like to have a parent/teacher conference, please see me to schedule. We will be celebrating Margot and Leo's birthdays this month. Parent Lesson Night will be on the 26th. This night provides your child the opportunity to show you what they have been working on and to give you lessons. Since it is a special night for you and your child, we ask that only the registered child attend and be the star. The children will

be making invitations to let you know the time.

The kindergarten class will be learning about dinosaurs/fossils. On the 19th, they will be going on their last field trip. We will be going to French Park to hunt for fossils. If the weather is bad, the rain date will be the 26th.

In science, the class will be focusing on insects and observing the life cycle of the Painted Lady butterfly. The children will be able to watch the caterpillars form chrysalises and emerge as butterflies. How exciting!! They say April showers bring May flowers, so we will investigate different types of weather (i.e. clouds, storms and tornadoes. Hopefully not blizzards haha). Since March was such a busy month, we will be talking about volcanoes and the kindergarten children will erupt them this month.

In Geography, we will turn our attention to South America and the rain forest. Finally, we had such wonderful days with all the grand people that came to our class. It was heart warming to see so many people come and share the day with us. Seeing such a fantastic turn out proved to the children that they are special. They were GRAND days! If a grand person was unable to come, please let me know and we can see if we can schedule something.

With love and kindness,

Linda and Laura

Ms. Geiger & Ms. Paddock

Hello Parents!

We hope you were able to get into some relaxing and quality time with your child over Spring Break! We are getting closer to the end of the school year. This is the time of the year that I see so much growth in the children through observation and work they are completing. I hope you are observing the same!

Grand-persons day was a HUGE SUCCESS! It made our heart so happy to see so many people at KHMC supporting our children in the Montessori environment. I hope you enjoyed the pictures. If you weren't able to catch the pictures on our Facebook page I can send them to you via email. Also, if your child's grand-person was unable to make it let me know and we can schedule something!

In Geography, your child will be learning about South America and the many layers of the rainforests. We will be celebrating Earth Day in our classroom on Monday, April 23rd. Throughout the month of April we will be discussing the different ways to help our Earth be a better place to live on through methods of recycling and gardening.

In science, the class will be focusing on insects and observing the life cycle of the Painted Lady butterfly. Your children will be given the opportunity to watch the caterpillars form chrysalises and emerge as the amazing butterflies they are! We will be investigating different types of weather like the different clouds, thunderstorms, and tornadoes. Since March was such a busy month, we will be

talking about volcanoes. The kindergartners have worked so hard on making their own personal volcano that they will be given the opportunity to give a little presentation on what they have learned in front of the class. This presentation includes erupting their own personal volcano! So exciting!

The kindergartners will take their last field trip to French Park and hunt for fossils! Since April showers does bring May flowers we plan on going Monday, April 16th, however if it rains it will be Thursday, April 26th.

Please remember that my office hours are on Tuesdays from 3:15-5:30. This is a great time to come in for a quick chat about how your child is doing or any other support/references you may need from me. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your child, we've had such a great year this far!

Smiles,
Meghan Geiger
Laura Paddock

Ms. Carlson & Mrs. Smith

Dear Families,

The bitter cold is gone, and we are set to spend lots of time outdoors from here to the end of the year! Even when the playground is being worked on, we will be outside walking or using the CRC playground next door. Make sure your child dresses in layers, or send a jacket if the mornings are cold and they wear a coat in. Also, check that their spare change

of clothes is weather appropriate and the correct size.

Thank you to all the grandparents and special visitors that came to work with the children, they were thrilled to spend time with their loved ones!

As for April, we will begin with spring break, March 26- April 2. Look for our upcoming "Work with your Child Night". I will send notice of that as soon as we work out the best date. Also we will have our Spring Egg Hunt this month. The children find eggs and treasures outside during work time.

In our classroom our themes for April will be Earth Day and spring. In science we will study more about rocks, insects, butterflies, light & clouds and rainbows. In geography we make our last global stop in Australia. We will also study Aboriginal art. In sensorial we will look at rectangular prisms. In art we will check out still life, butterfly symmetry, and make an Earth Day necklace. At food prep we will do egg slicing. Our author of the month is Eric Carl and our artist of the month is Claude Monet.

Happy Spring!

- Emily & Karen





Director's Notes

Dear KHMC families,

April is the month when parents of all age students are invited to have a second conference with your child's teacher. Please talk to or email your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a conference.

In April your child's class will be conducting "Parent Lesson Nights." Each teacher will select an evening when parents will come to the classroom with their child. The children will give their parents some of the lessons that they have been working on throughout the year. This is the time to see all of the interesting work that your child does every day. It's wonderful to see the sense of pride and accomplishment the children feel when they get to teach their parents for a change. Please read your teacher's article inside for exact dates and times. Invitations will be coming home soon.

Each family is responsible for serving on a KHMC school committee. In April, the chairperson of each committee will submit a participation report to the Director and the KHMC Board. At that time, families who have not completed assigned committee work over the second half of the school year will be assessed a fee of \$22 per every session of missing committee work. If, for any reason, you have not completed your responsibilities and wish to complete assignments, please contact your committee chairperson or me. We always have things around school that need to be done!

I have been busy planning the KHMC summer "camp". The program includes fun field trips and theme-related activities throughout the summer. Registration forms are available. They are in Tracy's pocket outside her office door and on the KHMC website: www.kennedyheightsmontessori.org.

Hoping the weather is nice and everyone has a wonderful Spring break!

Marybeth

Mandatory Parent Meeting

All families are expected to attend our second **Mandatory Parent Meeting which will be on Wednesday, April 11**. The meeting will be from 6:30 - 7:30. **It will be at the Kennedy Heights Art Center next door, where the silent auction was recently held.** There will be a short business meeting to review the **2018-19 Budget** and to elect the **2018-19 Board of Directors**. We will also give an update on the playground. If you are interested in serving the school in this way, or would like to nominate someone, please contact Board President Meg Cannon Meg_cannon@hotmail.com or Vice President Ellen Daniel ellenruthdaniel@gmail.com Per the enrollment contract you signed, at least one KHMC parent of every family must attend!!!! **There will not be babysitting for this meeting** so please plan ahead and get your sitter lined up if needed.

When: April 15th

Time: 10:00 .am. - till they are sleepy:)

Meeting Place: We will meet near the gift shop right near the entrance inside the zoo

Price: Visit Cincinnati Zoo website for different pricing.

Playhouse in the Park

CALENDAR ALERT: KHMC will be hosting PLAYHOUSE IN THE PARK, off the Hill Series as they present **"Rapunzel"** on **Saturday April 21**. More information will be coming home soon about this fun family event.

Family Fun - Cincinnati Zoo

April Family Fun - Cincinnati Zoo Lets have a day of fun looking at the animals around the zoo!. We will walk for an hour and stop to play at the park and have lunch:) If interested in joining our zoo walk please sign up on the sign up sheet on the sign in table in the Extended Day room.

