

ALPINE MONTESSORI

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled"
— Plutarch



Notes From 908



DATES TO REMEMBER

10/8 School Picture Day!

10/12 School closed

10/20 For Small Hands orders due

10/30 Halloween parties in all classrooms

11/2-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences



With the first fresh breaths of autumn sweeping through our outdoor classrooms, all of us at the school are grateful for cooler temperatures, and the freshening that a little rain can bring! Ms. Amy observed that one of the really nice things about spending this time learning out of doors is that we tend to notice the little marvels that nature surrounds us with every day. These things are always there, of course, but seen through the eyes of a child, they become truly miraculous. Maria Montessori held strong beliefs about the positive impact that being in nature can have on children. It feels good to know that even in a school year as different as this one, the strongest principles hold true.

In events coming up to be aware of, please note that school portraits are scheduled to be taken on Thursday, October 8th. CTC Photography will be back this year to capture all the beautiful faces at our school, and they've done a marvelous job in the past! Order forms went home in the children's backpacks, but if you need us to send you a link or another hard copy, please let us know. Also soon to come home in the

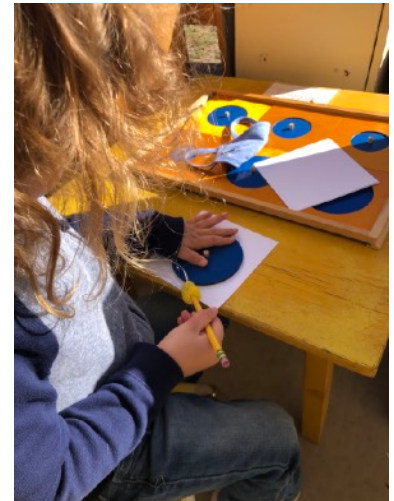


backpacks, look for a copy of “For Small Hands,” a catalog from Montessori Services. We love this charming collection of wonderful books, child sized home and garden tools, beautiful toys and instruments, and so much more, all inspired by Montessori principles. Many of our families have been delighted with the holiday shopping opportunities found in these well-curated pages, so please take a look and enjoy! Please have your orders turned in to the office no later than October 20th, so that we can place our group order in time to receive free shipping. When the order arrives, we will of course be mindful of holiday secrets! Also, don’t forget that AMS will be closed on October 12th in observance of

Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Looking ahead into November, Parent/Teacher conferences are right around the corner! You will receive more information soon on how to schedule a conference with your child’s teacher.

The Primary Side

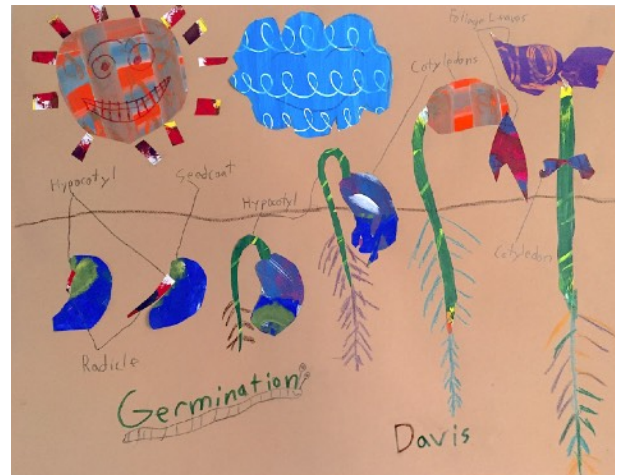
In mid-September our wonderful Ms. Betsy took a leave of absence due to some lingering health issues. We were so sad to say farewell to her but she is confident that when she is able to return she will be stronger and pain free! In the meantime, Ms Irene and Ms Addie are working side-by-side just like, er, sisters! Many of you aren’t aware that Ms. Irene began her work at AMS as an after-school helper when she was 14 years old. Several years and a 6-9 Montessori certification later, she became our Lower Elementary teacher. She loved working with this age group but wanted to pursue training as a Primary teacher, so she would know what the children were learning prior to moving up. When the need arose for another Primary teacher, she was the obvious choice. This is Irene’s third year as the lead primary teacher but one would think she was a seasoned veteran of the 3-6 classroom. She’s just a natural. In many ways, her sister Addie has followed in her footsteps. This is Ms. Addie’s first year in the classroom but she has worked after-school care for many years. We are happy to announce that Addie has now begun her training through the North American Montessori Center and will soon hold her certification. In the meantime, her boots-on-the-ground experience this year will serve her well with her studies. The children adore these Curry sisters, and so do we!



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Lower Elementary Lines

The students in the lower elementary have been enjoying lots of interesting and fun lessons in botany lately, along with their core studies of math, reading, and writing, as well as a new spelling program. The first weeks of school are naturally a time of settling into the routines of the classroom, reconnecting with old friends and perhaps making a few new ones too! Ms. Joyce is bringing her wealth of experience to good use, and this really shows in the children. Giving them the chance express creativity through their work is a wonderful tool, and we are seeing students engaged completely into what is truly meaningful work.



*We get by with a **LOT** of help from our friends. We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their contributions to our school.*

WE THANK YOU!

Bernadette Devine, for donating a box of lovely books to the school!

We welcome input from our families! If you have something that you would like to see covered in our newsletter, or if you have something that you would like to contribute, please email us at admin@alpinemontessori.org. Articles, ideas for articles, events to put on our "dates to remember" calendar, and more are welcomed!

From the Upper El



The upper elementary class has been busy lately with lessons in history and language, as well as the first of what Maria Montessori called “The Great Lessons,” which deal with the beginnings of the universe and gradually narrow in on humans and how we operate in our world. Starting with the big picture is a very Montessori approach, and demonstrates to students from an early age the concept of stewardship and responsibility for our environment, and for each other. The children are noticing the changing seasons perhaps more than ever this year, and Ms. Amy has given several wonderful meteorology lessons as well. Even with all of the challenges this year presents, the students are working hard and covering a lot of ground, and we know there will be good things to share at Parent/Teacher conferences coming up in the first week of November.

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support and dedication! Happy fall!