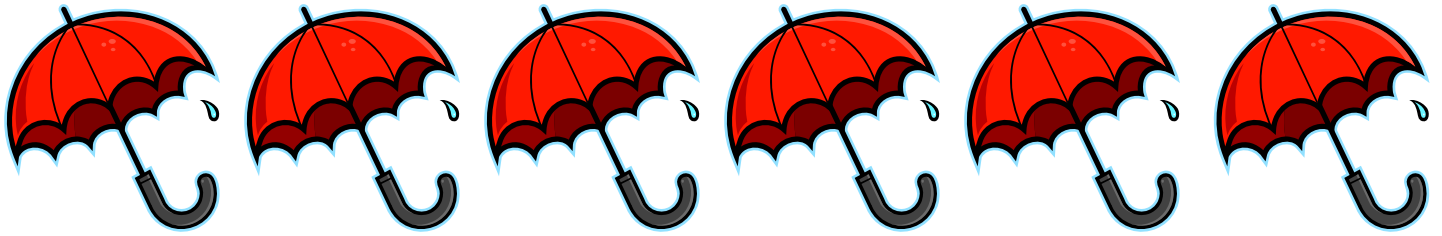

WHISPERING FARMS MONTESSORI NEWS



Abrakadoodle

The Abrakadoodle Art program will be visiting us on April 15th, the children will be making Birch Tree Doodles. The fee to participate is \$8. A sign up sheet will be available the week of the class.



Fall Registration

Fall Registration packets will be sent home this month, packets will include next years schedule, tuition and enrollment form. There will be a discount for early registration. Packets will be available by mid April.

Easter Bunny Visit/ Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny will be visiting the school on April 22nd, in the afternoon. We will also have our annual egg hunt that afternoon. More information will be sent out as we get closer to that date.



School Open

Just a reminder to all parents that the school will be open on April 22nd. Originally that day was closed for Good Friday but due to the inclement weather in February we will make up that day in April.

Summer Registration

Just a reminder to please let us know if you will be attending Whispering Farms Montessori during our summer months.

Music Demo

The school had a music demo class in March. The first class will begin on April 8th. The class will be a great introduction to instruments like the piano, guitar and violin. If you are still interested in signing up please pick up an enrollment form at the front desk.



Whispering Farms Montessori Academy

04/01/2011

Important Dates:

- 04/01 Soccer Shots starts for Spring
- 04/15 Abrakadoodle visit
- 04/22 School Open
- 04/22 Easter Bunny visit/ Egg Hunt

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Rhombus, Reniform, and Rembrandt

By Edward Fidellow

Your child's education in Montessori is different— so different that it make you shake you head in wonder and say, “ Is this something my child is really learning?” As parents we want our children to excel al reading, writing and math. Yet their Montessori education lead them through strange and esoteric materials.

Why would a three year old need to be versed in geometry? Fine, a nice circle, a square and maybe a triangle, but what purpose for an isosceles triangle, parallelogram or a rhombus? Then if that is not enough esoteric learning, your child moves on to the botany cabinet. Homany three year olds need botany? They are introduced to leaf forms like spatulate, orbiculate, sagitate and reniform. Most of us adults can't even pronounce them let alone know what they are.

If that is not enough diversity in the curriculum, Montessori education then introduces them to the whole world of art. They meet Picasso, Monet and Rembrandt. What in the world was Dr. Montessori thinking? And where is the math and reading?

There is a unique method in this approach. Your child is absorbing a tremendous amount of learning and stimuli and beginning to gain the skills of observation and visual discrimination— which is the ability to see differences. The Montessori child is effortlessly gaining a lifetime skill— the ability to see. Yes, we are born with sight but sight is passive where all the images come to us. When we observe, we actively focus our sight. But even focusing our sight does not always let us see what is there. For example, we have all seen pictures that if you look at them long enough the image changes into something else— like the two maces, and the goblet or the old woman and the young girl. Skills and even talents need to be trained and refined. A Montessori classroom provides and unending panorama of activities that train and refine the ability to “see”.

Though education is primarily reading and math based, life is about having a clear vision af what is present (and what could be). And though the introduction to geometry (rhombus), botany (reniform) and art (Rembrandt) is rudimentary, it is absolutely foundational to clear eyed success. For your child everything is new and exciting. To be able to put a name with a for or a shape not only gives great intellectual satisfaction but is the beginning of power to organize, define and categorize the world that is seen.

Enjoy the voyage of discovery as your child, with bright new eyes, sees the world for the first time. It is this power of visual discrimination that gives strength and focus to the power to read. It is also this power that breaks the world of math into distinguishable pieces with the ability to see patterns and processes.

Montessori truly give your child the gift of sight!

April Birthdays!!!

04/12 Dax D.
04/18 Matthew C
04/30 Jude D



Lunch Reminder

Our school lunches are an easy and nutritious option for your family. If you choose to provide your own lunch please make sure to send it with a cold pack. Also please do not send any frozen lunches, we can reheat food but do not have the capacity to cook them.



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Whispering Farms Montessori Academy is Prosper's first (and only) Montessori school. It was founded in January 2003. Lead Teachers in the Primary program are Montessori Certified. All teachers are CPR and First Aid Certified. We have a dedicated staff.

Our Goal is to provide a creative environment where each child will excel and learn at their own pace.

We would really appreciate it if parents could place a review about our school on any search engines like Google, Yahoo, etc..