
Whispering Farms Montessori News



Abrakadoodle

The Abrakadoodle Art program will be visiting us in March, the date will be announced later in the month. The fee to participate is \$8. A sign up sheet will be available the week of the class.

Parent Info Night

We will be having a Parent Education Night on Tuesday, March 8th. We will have guest speaker Sarah Hester, who will focus on the Math material in the classroom and the importance it has in Montessori. We hope you can join us that night, there will be childcare available- Please RSVP at the front desk, we hope that you can join us!

Spring Break

The school will be open for Spring Break and care will be available to the elementary After School children. If you will be needing care for that week please let the front desk know which days. The charge will be \$8/hr.

School Open

Just a reminder to all parents that the school will be open on March 17th and 18th. Originally those days were closed for Spring Break, but due to the inclement weather in February we will make up the days in March.



Music Demo

The school will have a music demo class on Friday, March 11th. The class will be a great introduction to instruments like the piano, guitar and violin. An email will be sent out with some more information regarding the pricing and class schedule. The children will also be bringing paper work

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Important Dates:

03/08 Parent Info Night
03/11 Music Demo
03/17 School open
03/18 School Open

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Seed Corn

By Edward Fidellow

Most of us live our lives in the city or the suburbs and have vague ideas about the rhythm of life lived by farmers and ranchers. We are blessed by their work when we go to the grocery store. We might actually know when strawberry season is (prices are lower). But to understand the cycles and seasons gives us an appreciation for “real” life.

This is why Montessori classrooms put a major emphasis on botany and zoology– to introduce our children to the mystery and magic of springtime and harvest. Whether planting is done in pots or garden plots, to prepare the soil, to plant a seed, to water it, to watch it grow, to pull the weeds, to see it flower, to observe the fruit and to enjoy the harvest is a celebration of life.

What is the most important step in this botanical experiment? They are all important but the critical step happens long before you start the process– you have to have the seed! Where does the seed come from? The seed comes from that part of the harvest that you didn’t consume or sell. It is not part of the harvest that you get to “enjoy”. You keep the very best seed– and you bury it. Then you work and pray that it flourishes.

Your seed corn is your Montessori investment. Montessori education is expensive-sometimes even approaching college tuitions. And a question often asked is “Shouldn’t I be saving this money for prep school or college?” The best time to plant your educational seed is in the springtime of your child’s life– Now!

There are five seeds planted in a Montessori preschool or elementary that bloom in college.

The first is order. Order is a foundational need of the child– it even has its own sensitive period in the child’s development. When a child enters this sensitive period, he build for himself the internal apparatus that will guide his future acquisition of knowledge an give him the ability to construct all the other areas of his life. in a Montessori classroom everything has its own special place. This is not only efficient but impacts the whole psychological nature of the child. Order (especially from within) brings calmness and focus, saves frazzled nerves and produces the environment (both physical and emotional) in which concentrated work can occur.

The second seed is initiative– learning to start on your own. Traditional schools spend twelve or thirteen years telling your child what to do, when to do it and how to do it. College is the first freedom from such constraints but is hardly the time to begin to practice initiative that has been inactive and dormant.

The third seed planted in preschool is the seed of mastery– finish what you start. In Montessori you work on something until you master it. It is a major lesson and habit, not only for school but for life.

The fourth seed is taking responsibility, In college there is no one looking over your shoulder or to blame. You are the young adult expected to take responsibility . For thirteen years of traditional education someone else bore the burden of responsibility. College is not the place to begin especially when Montessori children welcome the responsibility so early and young.

The fifth seed is curiosity. This is not so much of a seed that is planted in preschool but a seed that is nurtured, encouraged and kept alive. Curiosity is the difference between a life of boredom and a life of fascination with the world around you. Curiosity helps you not to settle, it helps you to dream, it helps you to look beyond the next hill. Curiosity can help, to not only make a living, but to make a life.

These seeds are a gift you plant in your child’s life now that bloom in college and for the rest of their lives. It is the best seed you can give.

February Birthdays!!!

03/01 **Strake P**
03/21 **Carter B**
03/21 **Cooper B**
03/28 **Jackson V**



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..