



Miniapple International Montessori

Summer Newsletter 2016



Directors' Notes

We are so excited to have begun our summer session here at MIM. We will have just **ONE** newsletter for the summer and will resume monthly newsletters in the fall. There are so many fun things planned for the summer at school and in each children's house. Please remember to check outside of your child's classroom for updates, notes, and reminders.

- Thank you to all our moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, and uncles who joined us for our Mother's Day breakfast, Spring Program/Kindergarten Graduation, and Preschool Graduation. We are so grateful to celebrate with you!
- Please update your child's extra clothes boxes. We would like to have at least two summer outfits, underwear, and socks (for the activity room).
- **Field Trips**-Please check the calendar for our summer field trips. If your child doesn't attend on the day of a field trip or splash days, you are more than welcome to have them join us. With yoga, soccer, and music, we are limited on the day of the week field trips can be scheduled.
- **Soccer** days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning June 14th. The class lists will be posted on the front white board and outside your child's classroom. Your child will play either Wednesday OR Thursday, not both days.
- Please don't forget we have a MIM policy that all children should have closed-toe shoes (NO FLIP FLOPS) on the playground for their safety.
 - As a precaution, on Tuesday mornings, the East side of 12th Ave SE is off limits for parking, due to garbage collection. A few parents have gotten tickets for parking there during drop off.

I would advise to not take chances, don't park there to avoid a ticket.

Lee & Lindsay

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 2nd: Storytime at SE Library (every Thur.)
June 6th: School Age Program begins
June 13th: Splash day at Van Cleve-Preschool
June 14th & June 16th: Soccer begins
June 20th: Field Trip to Gibbs Farm
June 20th: Father's Day Ice Cream Social 3-5p
June 22nd: Brian the Magician Performance
June 27th: Summer yoga session starting
July 4th: MIM Closed for July 4th Holiday
July 15th: Splash day at Van Cleve
July 18th: Field Trip to Dodge Nature Center
July 29th: Splash day at Van Cleve
August 1st-August 5th: Career Week!
August 11th: Field Trip to Como Zoo
August 15th: Splash day at Van Cleve
August 25th: Splash day at Van Cleve
August 26th: **MIM Closed for Inservice**
August 31st: **NEW FAMILY CONNECTION**
September 5th: **MIM Closed-Labor Day**

INFANT HOUSE

Hello sweet summer time! In the next couple of months, the infants will still enjoy their free time play, art, small group time, singing, and large muscle movement. Please apply sunscreen before coming to school so they are ready for our summer walks. We are going to try and be outside as much as we can this summer. Please make sure to stock your child's cubby with summer clothes. The baby of the month for June is Elise. July will be Scarlett, and August will be Holden. A very big Happy 1st birthdays to Ian on June 5th, Julius on July 23rd, and Lorenzo on August 29th. Reminder: Please label everything you bring to school with first and last names. Please let us know if you need anything. We **REALLY** love working with all your wonderful children. Have a wonderful summer!

Love, Kathy, Amy and Monica



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Toddler House 1

Hello Toddler parents! It is hard to believe that the school year is over. We are looking forward to a fun summer. Some of our toddler friends are taking the summer off but will join us again in the fall. We will still have our work time as usual, but we will have more outdoor fun, going on nature walks, having splash days, picnic lunches, etc. We will welcome Theo and his parents to our room. We wish a very happy 2nd birthday to Theo and Orion on June 13th, and to Emmet on August 21st. We will be saying goodbye to Perrin and Juniper who will be moving into their preschool classrooms. Our summer calendars are filled with fun activities. We will talk about ducks, Father's Day, Sea animals, and summer fruits. Have a fun and safe summer! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Suggestions are always welcome! With love, Reshma & Alie

TODDLER HOUSE 2

The summer is off to a great start as we welcome our new Assistant Teacher Miranda! We also welcome a few new toddler friends, Charlie, Eleanor, Olivia, Malcolm, Flynn, Oliver, Lily, and Adela from the infant room. The weather has been beautiful recently so we will be spending more time outside and making good use of our water bottles and the playground. If you would like, you are welcome to bring a plant for your toddler (please label), as we enjoy watching our classroom plants grow as we care for them. We have a lot of activities and neighborhood walks to look forward to and hope to enjoy a few picnics at the nearby Marcy Park. Indoor shoes are great and thank you to all who have already brought a pair to school. We hope for a fun and exciting summer, and a welcoming classroom environment that your kids look forward to being a part of each and every day! Please be sure to use the second door by the cubbies at drop off and pick up. We would like to keep our classroom traffic to a minimum. Thank you!

With love, Ashleigh, Hannah, and Miranda

Children's House One

We are gearing up for a summer of outdoor fun. Along with a shorter Montessori work periods,

we will go on nature walks, play at Marcy Park, garden, walk the St. Lawrence Labyrinth, visit the library, go swimming at Van Cleve Park, play board games on Fridays, create an observation journal...the possibilities are endless!

We would love for families to come in and share your hobbies, stories, experiments, art projects or make a fun snack with our class. Please let us know if you want to join us.

Children's House 1 will no longer be the nap room, so if your child is not a napper, they will remain with us in the afternoons. Napping children will spend their afternoons in Children's House 4.

Stop by and join in the fun any time!

Erica and Annah

Children's House Two

Summer is here! CH2 will have a couple of children joining us from CH3 this summer, as CH3 will be the School Age room. We will welcome Ada, Nico, and Harper! We say goodbye to Lorelei, Kailani and Elena. Enzo, Alexi, Conall and Eli will be leaving in the fall.

At the end of the summer, we will also say goodbye to Blake who will be going back to school! We're so happy for him, but he will be missed. He'll remain here as a part time staff, mostly working during aftercare. In the fall, we will become one of the two nap rooms. We'll give you more information about this in August. Splash days will be here soon. Cold lunches in disposable containers are required. A change of clothes in a plastic bag or wet bag is also required.

Remember to apply sunscreen in the morning!

It's going to be a great summer!

Sincerely, Mia and Blake

Children's House 3

During the school year, we have all grown so much! We've made new friends and sent off butterflies, learned everything from the depths of outer space to the functioning of our immune systems. I am so thankful my inaugural year with Miniapple was spent with your family. Both Lilah and I appreciate you so much! Thanks for a great year and see

you in August!

Molly & Lilah



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Children's House Four

We want to start with our gratitude to all of the parents for another successful school year 2015-2016. We feel like this school year went as smooth as we anticipated. It's all because of all your wonderful support and good team work. We want to say thank you again to all.

This month, we will be saying good bye to Torunn and Isabelle. We hope you and your families have a fun summer and good luck at your new schools. In the fall, it will be a bitter sweet goodbye to Tate, Adele, Ada, Alana and Harold. We will miss you all a lot.

We are excited to welcome Kira from toddler 2, to our room. She will be transitioning to our room soon.

From June 6th our room will be used as one of the two nap rooms. In the morning all our friends will stay and work in our room, then after lunch our nappers will stay in our room. Some non nappers will be joining CH1 and some will be joining CH2 just for the summer. Ms Lee, already left a note in your child's cubby about which room they will be in the afternoon. If you have any questions please feel free to ask or call 612 703 3858. We hope you enjoy the beautiful summer with all of the fun activities that we have planned!

We wish you and your families all the best and a happy summer. We will miss you a lot.

Have a wonderful summer,
Wangmo and Najat

CHILDREN'S HOUSE 5

I am excited for our summer fun. We are welcoming friends from CH3 for the summer. We will continue to have Montessori work time and enhance our art and science for this summer. We will spend more time outside exploring the neighborhood. We will also have many field trips as well as splash days. I look forward to getting to know our new friends joining CH5. The next few months will be filled with fun, sun, and friends!

Gabrielle and Kay

French

Bonjour à toutes les familles. As usual, during the summer we take a break from French classes but we still talk in French with the children. Parents can encourage French at home by naming the 3 meals of the

day, the food you eat, the days of the week, the colors, the numbers, part of the body, etc. I wish you all a good summer filled with joy, happiness, and laughter. Merci à vous tous et bon été. Love, Najat



GOODBYE GRADUATES!

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our graduates. For many of you, we have enjoyed many years with you, watching your children grow up and we can't thank you enough for letting Miniapple be a part of your lives. We will miss each and every one of you! We hope you have a wonderful summer and much success in your new schools. Thank you to all our families who have been so giving and supportive of your child's education. We hope you stop in and visit us soon! For those graduates who stayed for kindergarten we are thrilled to have had another year to complete the first Plane of Development in your Montessori curriculum!