



# Miniapple International Montessori

## Summer Newsletter 2015



### 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. We will visit Gibbs Farm on June 24th, on July 9th we will go to the Raptor Center, and on August 13th we will visit Dodge Nature Center. We will also have Career Week in July where parents can volunteer to share their exciting careers with the children. We hope to be once again visited by a fire truck and firemen and the University of MN Police during Career Week.
- **Soccer** days will be Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning June 10th. 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.

- I've attached a link to a wonderful article given to us by a parent, thank you Kristi! It talks about the benefit of movement.
  - [http://ww2.kqed.org/mindshift/2015/03/26/why-kids-need-to-move-touch-and-experience-to-learn/?utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=npr&utm\\_term=nprnews&utm\\_content=20150327](http://ww2.kqed.org/mindshift/2015/03/26/why-kids-need-to-move-touch-and-experience-to-learn/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=nprnews&utm_content=20150327)

Lee & Danielle

### IMPORTANT DATES:

June 8<sup>th</sup>: School Age Program begins

June 10<sup>th</sup> & June 11<sup>th</sup>: Soccer begins

June 19<sup>th</sup>: Father's Day Ice Cream Social

June 24<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip to Gibbs Farm

July 3<sup>rd</sup>: MIM Closed for July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday

July 9<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip to Raptor Center

August 13<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip to Dodge Nature Center

August 28<sup>th</sup>: MIM Closed for In-service

August 24<sup>th</sup>: Fall session begins

August 26<sup>th</sup>: NEW FAMILY CONNECTION

September 7<sup>th</sup>: MIM Closed-Labor Day

### INFANT HOUSE

Hello sweet summer! In the next couple of months, the infants will still enjoy their free time play, art, small group, singing, and large muscle movement. We will also continue our fun Fridays and baby of the month: June: Iris, July: Ottilia, August: Emmet. Please make sure to stock your child's cubby with summer clothes and because it is summer time, please apply sunscreen before coming to school, so they are ready for our summer walks. A big Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to Iris and Ottilia on June 1<sup>st</sup> and Emmet on August 21<sup>st</sup>!

### Toddler House 1

Hello Toddler parents! It is hard to believe that the school year is over. 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



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splash days, picnic lunches, etc. We wish a very happy 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday to Angela on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ada on June 14<sup>th</sup>, Noam on June 18<sup>th</sup>, Norah on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Owen on June 26<sup>th</sup>. In July, we will celebrate Annika on July 14, and in August, Calvin celebrates on the 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be saying goodbye to Avery, who is lucky enough to spend her days with her mom. Our June calendar is again filled with fun activities. We will talk about ducks, Father's Day, Sea animals, and summer fruits. Have a fun and safe summer!

With love, Reshma & Rachel

### **TODDLER HOUSE 2**

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful school year! It was so nice to celebrate with everyone at our Spring Program (and thanks to the toddlers for dancing and shaking up on stage with such enthusiasm!) In the next two months we will say goodbye to Logan, Wesley, Indigo, Olive, and Fay as they move to preschool and welcome some new friends into our class. We will also celebrate some summer birthdays: Josephine, Carter, & Nico.

In the summer we look forward to lots of playground time, neighborhood walks, picnics in the park, splash days with the sprinkler, special snacks (homemade popsicles and smoothies, farmer's market fruits, etc.) and fun art projects outside. We are going to be tending the garden we share with Toddler 1, so look forward to some fresh veggies and herbs as the summer continues. The toddlers also love caring for our indoor plants if you haven't already brought one for your child!

As a reminder, please check your child's cubby and extra clothes bin to make sure they are stocked with seasonally appropriate clothing – shorts, t-shirts, sun hats. We will be outside often, so please apply sunscreen to your child at drop-off and we will reapply later in the day.

With love,

Julianna, Katie, and Amanda

### **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 become the nap room this summer which will continue through the 2014-2015 school year. Look for a more detailed letter of what this change will mean for our classroom environment.

Stop by and join in the fun any time!

Erica and Annah

### **Children's House Two**

Welcome to the summer session at MIM!

Since CH3 closed for the school-age summer class, we will be receiving a few of their students for the summer. Welcome Irene, Wiley, Kai and Nina!

Please be aware of which days your child has soccer (if signed up) or Splash Day. This will help your child be prepared with proper clothing and lunch.

We keep all the children's sunscreen in a bin in our classroom bathroom. We recommend that your child comes to school with sunscreen already applied (especially on soccer or Splash Days) and we will reapply in the afternoon.

The summer will be more relaxed with extended outside time, art projects, practicing a play with the older children in CH2, story time at the library, and a field trip every month! Let the fun begin!

Sincerely,

Mia and Blake

### **Children's House Four**

The 2014-1215 school year was such a great year! Seems like every year is different and enjoying as time pass. We would like to show gratitude for all the parents for being wonderful helpers and big supporters all the time.

We are honored to say congratulations to our kindergarten graduates: Autumn and Teo and our Preschooler graduates Jack, Zoe, Carrigan,



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Anais, Anand, Liliana, Elena. They all did it! We are very proud of all the graduates.

In the coming summer, we will be welcoming some of CH1 friends like Oscar, Sammy and Adam P will be joining us in the afternoon due to CH1 being used as a nap room. Since CH3 room will be using for school agers, we are also inviting Louis, Niraj and Isabelle to our room.

Please remember to switch your child's extra cloths into summer clothes in our bathroom.

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

Our School year comes to a close with such great memories with the best students EVER! We have all learned a lot and become a great community within our classroom and with other friends throughout our school. Our Spring Program was a hit and I hope all that of you that are moving on keep in touch! We would love to get a visit from you in the future or a postcard for us to share with those that are continuing on with us.

For those who are staying for the Summer Program we have a lot of things to look forward to! Soccer starts on June 10th! We have a Field Trip to Gibbs Farm on Wednesday, June 24th. In July we will have a Field Trip to the Raptor Center on Thursday the 9th and in August, Thursday the 13th to the Dodge Nature Center, plus a lot of time outdoors at our nearby parks and also story time at the library. Mark your calendars!

As you know, my children also attend Montessori so I'd like to invite you to view this video of a montage of photos from the work at their school that the students put together to the tune of the 'Happy' song by Pharrell Williams:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITAtjQR6YYE>

Thank you for sharing your children, time and energy with us at MIM. It has been a joy to have your children and Gabrielle is looking forward to continuing on with Children's House 5 while Hadley and I prepare for next school year with Children's House 3.

We wish you a summer full of light and love.

"One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child."

~ Maria Montessori

## *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*

## TODDLER FRENCH

Bonjour! It was such a joy to work with the toddlers on French, definitely a highlight of my year! I hope you and your child will continue to use French words in your daily activities, especially as you have fun au soleil this summer!

Merci à vous! Cecily

## 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!*