



Miniapple Int'l Montessori-Roseville

February 2017 Newsletter

From the Director's Chair:

Montessori Education week is Feb.26th – Mar. 4th. We have some fun activities planned for the week, such as a parent/child work time and an Italian lunch. We will post sign-up sheets for the lunch and other activities.

February is also the beginning of our fall and summer registration period. Fall re-registration is required on an annual basis from each of our current families. If your child started in 2017 you do not need to pay another application fee, but everyone needs to fill out an application if they intend to continue with Miniapple. Your child will be considered enrolled for fall when we have received a completed application for each child (with two parent signatures when applicable) and a \$30.00 application fee per family. We will offer this ½ price registration fee (regularly \$60.00) through the end of March for currently enrolled children. The summer form does not require a fee. It is just letting us know what your plans are for the summer. Please find both forms at our sign in/out station and return the summer form by Feb. 28th and the fall application form by March, 31st.

It is tax time again. Our tax ID# is 41-1675091. Please let us know if you would like a statement of your tuition paid for 2016.

News & Notes:

Miniapple will be closed Mon. 2/20 for a President's Day staff in-service.



Infant House I

In the month of February, we will be welcoming Frances and Madison into our room. Please take some time to say hello to their families. Also, Hadley will be transitioning into the Toddler Room at the beginning of the month. We are excited for her new adventures. We are also saying goodbye to Ms. Kyleigh this month. She has worked here for a year, but has decided to focus on after school activities and school work as next year is her senior year. We would also like to welcome Ms. Vanessa. She will be starting in the room mid-month. Some reminders for this month...Please make sure to take off your shoes and boots before entering the classroom, in order to limit slippery floors during the winter months. In addition, please make sure to look at any new postings on our bulletin board outside the classroom for news and updates. That is where we will post any signs of illnesses that have been diagnosed in either of the Infant Rooms in order to notify all the parents. On Tuesday, February 14th, we will have a pizza lunch for those who are old enough, and would like to participate, and a Pajama Day. This will be an all-school event in honor of Valentine's Day. We will have a sign-up sheet posted on the classroom door when it gets closer to the date. Important dates to remember for this month:

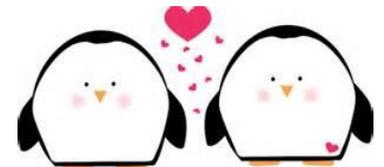
Tuesday, February 14th=Pizza Lunch & Pajama day for Valentine's Day Celebration

Monday, February 20th=School Closed for Staff In-Service

-Marie, Megan, Kyleigh & Vanessa



Lisa & Cindy





Infant House II

Happy February! I hope everyone is staying warm and healthy.

This month we will be having a Valentine's Day pizza party and pajama day. This will be held on Tuesday, February 14th for those that would like to participate. Please keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet on top of the cubbies in our classroom.

Please also remember that Miniapple will be closed on Monday, February 20th for a staff in-service day.

As we finish out the last couple months of winter, please remember that we ask that any wet boots/shoes be removed before you enter our classroom in an effort to prevent slippery floors. Thank you!

Please remember to check the postings on the bulletin boards outside of our room. We post any illnesses that have been reported, as well as any important events that are coming up.

As always, please make sure that all of your child's items are labeled with their first AND last name – this includes bottles, bottle caps, food containers, pacifiers, diapers, wipes, creams, etc.

Important dates:

- Tuesday, February 14th – Valentine's day pizza & pajama party
- Monday, February 20th – Miniapple Closed – President's day holiday and staff in-service day

As always, please feel free to let us know if you have any questions or concerns! ☺

Ms. Jessica, Ms. Deena, and Ms. Susan



Toddler House I

Well hello again and Happy Valentine's Day to one and all. We will be having a special Valentine's Day lunch and P J party on Tuesday, Feb. 14^h. If you would like, you may bring in valentines or treats for your child's friends. Please address the Valentine "To my Friend" - we have 20 children and 5 adults in our room. We'll be passing out our valentines, playing a game, drinking pink milk and having cookies-YUM. If you would like, your child can wear their PJ's - we are going to have a fun and wonderful day.

Just a reminder, Miniapple will be closed Mon. Feb. 20th for a staff in-service. We'll be celebrating Montessori Education the week of Feb. 26-March 4th. We'll have special activities planned this week such as an Italian lunch Friday, March 3rd in honor of Maria Montessori. The letter of the month will be H for Hearts. We will be working on new colors this month. The colors will be Red, Pink, and Purple.

Parents PLEASE make sure that ALL FOOD CONTAINERS and ALL WINTER clothes are LABELED with first, last names on the TOPS and BOTTOMS OF ALL FOOD CONTAINERS. Thanks.

We would like to welcome Hadley and Ms. Gayane to our classroom.

Parents PLEASE remember to take off your wet boots and shoes before coming into the classroom. We don't want the children to fall down from the wet slippery floor and please remember to help your child get their shoes or help them put them on.

Parents with pottiers, please remember to put underwear on your son or daughter before they come to school. If you are worried that they may wet in the car put underwear over a diaper please and then take off the diaper when they come to school.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to talk with us at any time.

Ms. Michelle, Ms. Allison, Ms. Tashana, Ms. Rabia & Ms. Gayane



Toddler House II

Happy February! I hope that 2017 is off to an amazing start! February is a wonderful time of year to discuss kindness, manners, compassion and love – we will embrace these concepts in Toddler House 2 over the next few weeks!

Please continue to have all outdoor gear here each day, as we love to get out when the weather permits. EVERYTHING MUST be labeled – both mittens, hats, BOTH boots, snow pants, etc. We have many children who have the same mittens, boot, etc.! If you are having a hard time finding a way to label, let me know – I do have a silver marker that works well on black items! We are also working very hard on being able to dress/undress ourselves in our outdoor gear, so please encourage them to do this at home as well! They are doing great with this, and we always remind them to try before asking for help!

On February 14th we will celebrate Valentine's Day with a special pajama day and a special Valentine lunch. We will also be doing Valentine themed stations with TH 1 and a valentine exchange - if you would like, you may bring in a valentine/treat for your child's classmates - we currently have 6 children in our class. This will be a great time to express what we have learned about kindness and friendship, as we pass out our treats! Also please remember that for birthday celebrations and special occasions we are not allowed to serve homemade food items and please try to keep them as healthy as possible!

We would like to wish Harriet a very Happy Birthday on February 5th – The 'Big-2!'. We are also very sad to say goodbye to Ben as he transitions to preschool at the beginning of the month. We will miss him greatly, but wish him the best of luck! We will be welcoming Ophelia to our classroom this month, so please take a moment to say hi to her and her family if you get a chance! Welcome!

Miniapple will be closed on February 20th (Presidents Day) for a Staff In-service. We will have our Montessori Education Week from February 26th – March 4th. During this week we celebrate Maria Montessori with many fun activities – please keep an eye out for more information as it gets closer! Italian lunch day will be Friday

March 3rd – sign-up sheet will be posted closer to the date. Our Night of Presentations is also on Friday March 3rd. This is a great time to see your child interact with the Montessori materials. They are so proud to show you what they are working on!

Have a wonderful month, and as always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to discuss them with Allison or myself!

Ms. Sarah and Ms. Allison

Children's House I

In February, our Practical Life and Math shelves will help us celebrate Valentine's Day by featuring pink, purple, and red materials! Our Social Studies shelf will highlight some artifacts and models of animals from Oceania. If you have anything you'd like to share or contribute, any additions would be greatly welcomed!

Some of our Science exploration activities will also change, especially as we look forward to springtime, we will begin planting seeds for our garden. Converse with your child about what vegetables your family likes to eat, and consider contributing a seed packet!

I, Emily, will be on vacation February 6 – 10. Ms. Kim will be in the classroom with the children daily along with Ms. Maya.

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 14: PJ Day & Pizza Party!

February 20: Miniapple closed for Staff In-Service.

February 26- March 4: Montessori Education Week.

-Ms. Emily & Ms. Kim



Children's House II



The month of January has gone by so quickly and it is already February. We've been going outside as much as possible please, make sure that your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing, boots, waterproof mittens, snow pants, hats, coats, etc..... please make sure all your child's clothing is labeled. Thank you!

We welcome our new friends Mackenzie and Michael to our Children House. We look forward to getting to know you. Happy Birthday to our friends Emalia, Laslo, and Vincent.

A few things will be change on our shelves this month. You will see some practical life and art activities that have to do with Valentine's Day. We will add new activities to our food shelf. A contribution list will be posted outside the classroom -we really appreciate your contributions!

Our children are doing amazing. They are progressing and moving up to more advance materials. It is our goal to make sure that each and every child is challenged to their full potential. If anyone has any book to share about Black history, or President Washington and Lincoln we would love to read them.

On February 14 (Tuesday) we will have a Valentine's Day celebration and Pajama Day. We ask that everyone bring in

19 valentines. Please address the valentine "To my friend" and only signed by who they are from. Bringing candy and treats is optional. (treat ideas: pencils, eraser, stickers, play dough etc.) Children will have a special fruit salad snack with friends (there will also be a contribution sign-up sheet for this snack) as well as pizza for lunch.

Montessori Education Week is Feb. 26th – March 4th. We love to celebrate and honor Dr. Montessori and her work. She believed the way to peace was through the children. She created materials that will teach them to become independent and successful in all aspects of their lives. Throughout the week we will be having fun and exciting activities for your child. On Fri. March 3rd you will be able to join your child for a parent/child work time! This is a great way to see what your child has been working on in the classroom. Please check out the board for more details. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation! If you have any questions please let us know!

Ms. Aisha & Ms. Mary Jo





Children's House III

January flew by so fast and it is February already. The weather has been warmer and we will continue to go outside. Please bring appropriate and proper sized clothes EVERY DAY: snow pants, boots, waterproof gloves, hats, and a winter jacket whether or not we have snow because the ground is wet. Children have been doing a great job getting ready to go outside! Please encourage your child to do this at home. Also, please check your child's extra clothes bin in the bathroom. It should have pants, shirts, underwear, and socks. Please make sure to label all clothing and winter wear!

This month's Show and Tell theme is "**An item from another state or country.**" Any small item from another state or country can be brought in as we learn about other cultures and map studies.

Check the board outside the classroom for a contribution list. Thank you everyone for all your contributions! And please remember to read the board outside the classroom to see what we did for the day and for any important information.

Upcoming Events:

1. Tue Feb 14th: We will be having a Valentine's Day Party with PJ's. If you would like to bring valentines to pass out, we have 16 friends. You can address these "To My Friend". On this day have your child wear their pj's to school. We will also be doing a special snack and a pizza party lunch. Please check outside the classroom for more details!

2. Fri Feb 20th: Miniapple's closed for Staff In-service
3. Feb 26th ~ Mar 4th is Montessori Education week! Throughout the week we will learn about Maria Montessori and have fun exploring different activities.

If you have any question about the class or your children, feel free to ask me or Ms. Nou.

Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Joshua and Ms. Nou



Activities Director

January is over; let's welcome February with a smile on our faces. Every child gets so excited about Valentine's Day. Children around the world love and enjoy sharing their drawings with their friends during February to express their Valentine's gift. This month we will be learning about sharing and caring about others around us. We will be working with the color pink, red, and white and the heart shape. We will make a lot of red and pinkish art work. Reminder parents, please make sure your child has an extra pair of clothes and shoes and make sure to label your child's name on all of their clothes. Thank you and happy Valentine's Day. I hope you spend your month with your loved ones.

-Ista

Montessori Education Week



Monday, Feb. 27th

Pre/K field trip to Good Times Park

Tuesday, Feb. 28th

Who was Maria Montessori?

The children will learn who Maria Montessori was and where she lived and learn the history of Montessori.

Fill out a Montessori "Talk Bubble"

Wednesday, March 1st

Learn about Italy
Color the Italian Flag

Thursday, March 2nd –

North Suburban Chorus
Wear red, green & white

Friday, March 3rd

Italian Feast & Night of Presentations
From 4:30 – 6:00pm, you are welcome to join your child in their classroom as they show you the Montessori materials they know. They will be giving you a "presentation" on the work, just like they receive from their teacher. You will see some of the amazing work they have done and you'll be able to see exactly what they have been talking about. This a fun time for parents to be involved in their child's learning, and you might learn some new



things yourself! To celebrate Montessori Education Week, we will be having an Italian Feast. This meatless spaghetti meal will be catered by Chianti Grill. Sign-ups will be posted (This is for all age groups)

FRENCH:

Bonjour! During the month of January, we started learning some of our alphabet letters and words that started with each letter. We also learned the words for family members, domestic animals, and played an association game that matched animals with what type of food they ate. We also learned a new song about a windmill, and we read a few different short books, including "Madeleine."

-Marie



Thanks to all of you have been saving Box Top labels for us. As an incentive for the children to participate in this program, we hold a monthly drawing for a new scholastic book to given to one child each month. Just put the name of your child on the back of the box top and we will draw one name from the labels collected each month. The winner we be announced in the newsletter. The drop-off box is located on the desk in the front lobby. Congratulations Grace J., the Box Top for Education book winner for the month of February.

Dates to Remember:

Wed. Feb. 1st - Early fall and summer
registration begins
(\$30 per family)

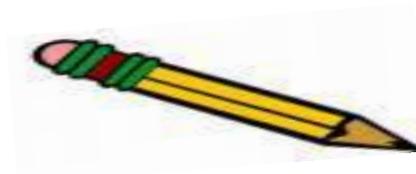
Tues., Feb. 14th – Pajama Day, & Valentine's Day
Parties including a special lunch

Mon. Feb. 20th President's Day - **Miniapple**
Closed

Feb. 26th – March 4th
Montessori Education Week

Feb. 28th – Last day to turn in summer
registration form

March 31st – Last day to submit the fall
application form



" I Caught Ya! "

**This is for parents who
notice staff doing things
"above and beyond...."**

**There are red sheets posted
on our front communication
board with a drop box on top
of our sign in/out station. Any
staff that receive an "I caught
ya" get recognized in our
monthly newsletter.**

