



## Moving forward to **October** our children will explore all about “**Leaves**”.

Leaves are fascinating to our little ones! As fall has started, October is the perfect month for us to learn about leaves. To this end, our children will first observe them then study:



1. Parts of a leaf
2. Function of leaves
3. Phototropism
4. Photosynthesis

### Character Education – Sharing is Caring

One of the biggest challenges for young children is to share with others. As a child enters school and interacts with other children, he/she begins to understand that the world is not centered around him/herself. To live harmoniously and happily with others, they need to share.

### Cultural Occasions

We will celebrate the following cultural occasions in October:

1. Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>, Chinese National Day
2. Monday October 11<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day (school remains open)
3. Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>, Halloween

### Activities/Events in October

1. Cooking project: Friday October 8<sup>th</sup>
2. Share and Tell: Monday October 11<sup>th</sup>
3. Walk around the neighborhood: Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>
4. Field Trip: Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>
5. Halloween Parade: Friday October 29<sup>th</sup>



## Looking back in September, our children had so much fun examining: “**All about Me**”!

This is such a familiar and endearing topic to our little ones! We especially enjoyed talking about our hobbies, families, and emotions! With a family photo in hand, our children took turns to present to our class their family as well as things they like to do. It was so heartening to hear our children humming/singing the Chinese song “I Love My Family!”



Additionally, we learned that as human beings, we have different emotions. It is normal that at times we feel frustrated, mad, or even sad. What matters is how we control our emotions in a way that shows respect to people around us!



### Character Education – No Pain, No Gain

By reading books and discussions, our children have begun to understand the value of hardworking. Being smart alone is not enough; if we are to achieve something, we ought to work for it.



### Activities/Events in September:

1. We were so happy to see Zachary and his mom on Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>! We were able to celebrate his 4<sup>th</sup> birthday together in school (his real birthday was on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>).
2. To celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, our children had so much fun during our first attempt to make red bean paste mooncakes!
3. On Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>, we had a walk in the neighborhood to gather things that are living and non-living, as part of our natural science curriculum.
4. As always, we enjoyed another fabulous field trip on Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>. This time we visited Fernish Park. It was wonderful to see many of our parents/guardian during this trip!

## Montessori Wisdom

### Teaching of the Child

“The teacher nevertheless has many difficult functions to perform. Her cooperation is not at all excluded, but it becomes prudent, delicate, and manifold. She does not have need of words, or energy, or severity; but she must be able to make prudent observations, to assist a child by going up to, or withdrawing from, him, and by speaking or keeping silence in accordance with his needs. She must acquire

a moral alertness which has not hitherto been demanded by

any other system, and this is revealed in her tranquility, patience, charity, and humility. Not words, but virtues, are her main qualifications.”

-Maria Montessori, *The Discovery of the Child*, p. 150



### Montessori Quote & Manifestations

“But when a child is working, he is like one who is perfectly balanced and has the material he needs for exercise: one who is striving to perfect the suppleness of his body has need of a gymnasium.”

-Maria Montessori, *The Discovery of the Child*, p. 154





## Announcements

1. Welcome Alessio Luo LaVallo back to school on Monday 9/27! Alessio was out for the past two weeks and he is all fine now. Thanks to the LaVallo family for keeping him home and sending the negative test result!



2. Our next Share & Tell is on Monday October 11<sup>th</sup>. To help our children understand the monthly theme, we kindly ask every family to take your child for a walk or a hike (in your neighborhood, a park, or a mountain) on the weekend before. Please help your child to gather up to 5 different kinds of leaves to share with the class on the following Monday.

3. We will have a Halloween Parade in our neighborhood on Friday 9/29. Parents please make sure that your child is dressed up in Halloween costumes and bring their Trick or Treat basket on that day.



## Gratitude

1. While we appreciate and cherish the support of all our families, we would like to especially thank the families of the following students in the months of September:

1) For snacks/food/fruit:

*Ai-An Truong, Annie Nguyen, Alessio LaVallo, Emma Pham, Zachary Walker*

2) For thoughtful goodie bags for our children: *Zachary Walker*

3) For their participation in and help with our field trip:

*Ai-An Truong, Annie Nguyen, Emma Pham, Vincent Nguyen*

## Reminders

1. October 2021 tuition is due by **Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>**. To avoid any late payment fees, please make the payment before this date. An invoice will be sent to you soon.
2. To help parents keep track of school activities, all school events are posted on the Montessori Compass Calendar (view all events): <https://montessoricompass.com/app/events>

