



## Moving forward to June, our children will explore and learn States and Countries

In particular, we will focus on the following topics:

1. The concept of state and country
2. The 50 states of USA with a focus on California
3. Facts and flags of certain countries (USA, China, Vietnam, Mexico, Canada, etc.)



## Character Education – Diligence

In June, our children will learn and practice diligence – devoted and painstaking work and application to accomplish an undertaking. Very often, it is not the lack of intelligence, but the lack of diligence that hinders people from success!

## Cultural Occasions

We will celebrate the following cultural occasions:

1. Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, Children’s Day
2. Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Chinese Dragon Boat Festival & USA Flag Day
3. Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Father’s Day

## Birthday Celebrations

We will celebrate Tiffany Lu’s 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>.



## Looking back in May, our children worked enthusiastically to learn about: Fruit and Vegetables

First, we began to understand that fruit and vegetables do not come from supermarket; rather, they come from Mother Earth! Some of them grow above the ground such as watermelon and broccoli, whereas others grow in the soil such as potatoes and onions.

When exploring the differences between fruit and vegetables, we learned that a fruit is the part of a plant that has seeds in it, with the main function of reproduction. With that in mind, both our staff and children were surprised to find out that many fruits are misunderstood as vegetables! For example, cucumber, tomato, eggplant, green peas. Although technically, green peas are seeds, it is the pod with the peas in it that should be the fruit. We are all fascinated with this discovery!

Different as they might be, fruits and vegetables both are good for us. It is heartening to hear some of our children remind others at the lunch table, “Potatoes are vegetable, it is good for you. Even if you don’t like it, you should eat it!”





### Character Education – Compassion

By reading books and discussions, our children studied compassion in May. We understand that being compassionate means to put ourselves in other people's shoes and try to do things to make them feel better. Now and then, we are touched to see our little ones giving their friends a hug, asking in a caring way, "Are you ok?" At Garden of Joy Montessori, we cherish this value and are dedicated to nurture future leaders that are compassionate, creative, and independent.



### Language Learning

Ms. Sierra studied Translation and Interpretation in her graduate school (Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey), and she also has a great deal of experience teaching both the Chinese and English languages. With such credentials and experiences under her belt, she understands very well how to help our children learn their second/third languages. Through a combination of Montessori materials, songs, role plays, and YouTube videos, step by step, our children are making steady progress in their learning of the three major languages in the world (English, Chinese and Spanish).

### Birthday Celebrations

We had three birthday celebrations in the month of May!

1. Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Katherine's birthday
2. Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Daniela's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
3. Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, William's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday

### Cultural Occasions:

The celebrations of the following special occasions have deepened our little ones' appreciation for teachers, mothers, and soldiers who have fought for the country of USA.

1. Teacher Appreciation Week
2. Mother's Day
3. Memorial Day

We have come to conclusion that the best present for teachers and moms is our listening ears!



### Field Trip

Based upon the success of our first field trip on Earth Day April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have decided to have a field trip to the Lake Cunningham Park on the fourth Friday of every month. On Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>, four of our parents/guardians joined us on our second field trip. The exciting chatters and laughter (with occasional screams 😊) of our children were just contagious! Since we have our End-of-Year Celebration on Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>, our next field trip will take place on Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>, so that we can celebrate Tiffany's birthday in the beautiful park!





## Montessori Wisdom

### Teaching of the Child

“The education of early childhood should be based entirely upon this principle: assist the natural development of the child.

The other aspect of education, namely, that of adapting an individual to his environment, will be more important later on, when the period of intensive development will have passed. The two elements are always interlaced, but the dominance of one over the other depends upon a person’s age.”

--Maria Montessori, The Discovery of the Child, p. 144

### Montessori Quote & Manifestations

“He is attracted more by stimuli than by reason. During this period he should therefore be methodically exposed to stimuli that will develop his senses rationality and thus lay the foundation for his mental powers.”

-Maria Montessori, The Discovery of the Child, p. 146

## Gratitude

1. Thanks to all our parents for your generous gift during the Teacher Appreciation Week! It means a great deal to us and we are deeply grateful for your generosity and support!
2. While we appreciate and cherish the support of each and every one of our families, we would like to especially thank the families of the following students...

- 1) For the creative, informative, and gorgeous display boards, cakes and fruit for birthday celebrations:  
*Daniela Vu & William Luotran*
- 2) for their contribution of toys & art materials: *Emma Pham*
- 3) for their contribution of fruits/snacks:  
*Annie Nguyen, Daniela Vu, Elyse Nguyen, Emma Pham & Tiffany Lu*
- 4) for their participation in and help with our field trip:

*Ai-An Truong, Annie Nguyen, Daniela Vu & Emma Pham*



## Announcements

1. Please help me to welcome the family of Zackary Walker to join our GOJMIS Family!
2. A big welcome Ms. Cecilia Cipriano to join our GOJMIS Family as a Spanish Teacher as well as TA. Ms. Cecilia works from 3 to 5pm three days a week (Tuesday, Thursday & Friday).
3. Sadly, we will say goodbye to two of our students on Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup>- Elyse Nguyen and William Luotran- who will start their kindergarten



program in August. We will miss them for sure and we wish them best of luck in their future studies!

4. We will have our second team building on Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Sierra will take our staff to Santa Cruz and spend some quality time with them on the beach. We are all excited!



## Reminders

1. June 2021 tuition is due by **Monday June 7<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. Bearing in mind the June monthly theme (States & Countries) and character education (diligence), parents please work with your child to reinforce their school learning whenever appropriate.
3. End-of-Year Celebration is on Friday 6/25, next Share & Tell Friday 6/18, Parent Teacher Conference is in the afternoon of Friday 7/2, summer break this year is from July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please make plans accordingly.
4. A kind reminder that please continue to exercise precautions so as to keep our small bubble safe and healthy.

