Garden of Joy Montessori International School



School Newsletter August 2021

Moving forward to September our children will find out "All about Me".

Our school year starts on September 1st each year. As the new academic year begins, our little ones are going to learn all about themselves! In particular, we will break down this theme into the following topics:

- 1. My body parts
- 2. My emotions
- 3. My family
- 4. My hobbies

Character Education – No Pain, No Gain

Our children need to understand the virtue of working hard. If we want something, we need to work for it. We should not take for granted that mommy and daddy will provide us with everything we ask for.



Cultural Occasions

We will celebrate the following cultural occasions in September:

1. Labor Day: Monday, September 6th, 2021 (school will be closed)



Birthday Celebrations

We will celebrate <u>Zachary's</u> 4th birthday on <u>Friday, September 3rd, (his real birthday is on <u>Sunday, September 5th)</u>.</u>

Activities/Events in September

- 1. Cooking project: Friday September 10th
- 2. Share and Tell: Thursday September 17th
- 3. Walk around the neighborhood: Thursday September 16th and 23rd
- 4. Field Trip: Friday September 24th

Looking back in August, our children had so much fun learning about: **Transportation**

With a combination of objects, pictures, flash cards, songs and videos, our children have come to understand the various means of transportation for land, water, and air. This is definitely one of our children's favorite topics and we had so much fun

making cars, airplanes, hoop gliders and boats!

Character Education – Empathy

By reading books and discussions, our children have begun to understand that empathy means putting ourselves in another's place and understanding their emotions in certain situations. In particular, we studied how to practice "Empathy" with others in the following steps:



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- . Pay attention to other people's feelings.
- . Think before you speak or act.
- 3. Realize that everyone is different.
- Stand up for others.

Activities/Events in July & August:

1. We conducted a fire drill on Wednesday, July 28th, our little ones learned what to do in case of a fire, and practiced "Stop, Drop, and Roll"

if their clothes caught on fire.

2. We had a fantastic field trip on Friday September 6th, it was so nice to see many of our parents/guardians during this trip!

Farewell:

It is sad that we had to say goodbye to the following five children over the summer:

- 1. Charlie Li
- 2. Daniela Vu
- 3. Elyse Nguyen
- 4. Tiffany Lu
- 5. William Luotran

We miss them all and we wish them good luck as they continue their learning journey in their new schools!

Montessori Wisdom

Teaching of the Child

"The objects in our system are, instead, a help to the child himself. He chooses what he wants for his own use, and works with it according to his own needs, tendencies, and special interests. In this way the objects become a means of growth."

-Maria Montessori, The Discovery of the Child, p. 149

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. 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 July and August:
- 1) For snacks: Annie Nguyen, Daniela Vu, Elyse Nguyen, Tiffany Lu

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- 2) For their thoughtful goodie bags for our children: *Annie Nguyen, Emma Pham, Zachary Walker*
- 3) for their participation in and help with our field trip: Annie Nguyen, Ai-An, Emma Pham & Zachary Walker

Announcements

- 1. Welcome to our new student Alessio Luo LaVallo who will join us on Monday 8/30!
- 2. Our children will present their families on Thursday 9/23. Please provide the school with a photo of your family as soon as you can, no later than Friday September 10th.



Reminders

1. September 2021 tuition is due by **Monday September 6**th. To avoid any late payment fees, please make the payment before this date. An invoice will be sent to you soon.

2. A kind reminder that please continue to exercise precautions so as to keep our small bubble safe and healthy.















