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MONTESSORI SCHOOLS

of Central Texas



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IMPORTANT DATES

9/7	Labor Day (No School)
9/10-9/11	Book Fair
9/11	Library Trip (Elementary)
9/15	Picture Day (Primary)
9/16	Picture Day (Toddler & Elementary)
9/22-24	Hearing & Vision Screening
9/24	Upper Elem Field Trip
9/25	Lower Elem Field Trip

A NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

The 2026-2027 school year is off to a great start! It's been wonderful welcoming our returning children back, as well as getting to know our new students! Each year it is such a joy to watch our students develop and blossom. You are going to be amazed by the end of the year-guaranteed!

September is a busy month with enrichment classes kicking off, school pictures, and hearing and vision screening. Please see page 5 for details about all that's happening.

-- Mrs. Jennifer Watson



"He does it with his hands, by experience,
first in play and then through work.
The hands are the instruments of man's intelligence."
- Maria Montessori, The Absorbent Mind

INFANT



Hello MSCT families! This fall, our classroom will be exploring the beautiful colors, tastes, sounds, and sights of the autumn season. We are especially focusing on the color red and learning about fall leaves, apples, radishes, beets, and the red fox.

During our ASL lessons, we will continue practicing the signs for eat, more, and drink. During Bible, we will continue learning and practicing our mealtime prayer. In Spanish, we will continue singing *Los Colores* as we learn about colors together. For art, the children will create a leaf handprint project, and in music, we will enjoy singing *Autumn Leaves Are Falling Down*. These activities will help us celebrate the season while building language, creativity, fine motor skills, and classroom routines.

Note to parents: Please make sure you have sent a box of wipes for the school year. Also, please label all bottles, lids, containers, and lids every day before sending them to school.

Mrs. Terri Wallace

TODDLER

Hello, toddler families! In September, we will gently support the children as they grow in independence and care for their classroom community. Teachers will present each activity slowly and intentionally, giving the children time and space to practice on their own. We will continue encouraging them to carry their own work, return materials to the shelf when finished, help with snack and lunch routines, and use simple words to express their needs.

We will introduce the real object first whenever possible, allowing the children to see, touch, and observe it directly. After this concrete experience, we will match the object to a picture and practice saying its name in both English and Spanish. In learning the story of creation, we will connect it to the the natural world around us by talking about trees, fruits, plants, animals, and the earth.

Mrs. LaDonna Ronelus
and
Mrs. Tammy Clausen



A look at some lessons we have planned:

GROUP LESSONS Music and movement; singing and dancing; fingerplays; primary-color matching with objects.

PRACTICAL LIFE Brushing hair; wiping tables; washing an apple; setting the table for lunch.

SENSORIAL Kinetic sand sensory bin; explore the smell, texture, and color of different fruits; Sound mystery bag; listen and identify familiar objects.

LANGUAGE Spanish: fruits: apple (manzana), strawberry (fresa), grapes (uvas). cleaning tools: broom (escoba), mop (trapeador)

BIBLE The Story of Creation; Bible verse: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

ART Apple painting; leaf stamping; tree collage

A few notes for parents:

- Please label all of your child's belongings with their name so we can help them care for their items with confidence.
- At arrival, please allow your child to walk to the classroom and carry their own lunchbox. This simple daily responsibility supports independence, confidence, and a smooth transition into the classroom.
- Please bring one family photo for us to display in our classroom. Familiar faces help create a sense of belonging and strengthen the connection between home and school.





ELEMENTARY

Hello elementary families! We are excited for another meaningful stretch of learning as students explore big ideas across science, geography, language, history, civics, biology, geometry, Spanish, and Bible. Students will learn through hands-on exploration, concrete materials, thoughtful observation, and purposeful work that helps them make meaningful connections across the curriculum.

Here are some of the things our students will be working on in September:

MATH Quadrilaterals, curved figures; Study of lines, parts of the line; Study of figures.

SCIENCE Newton's 2nd and 3rd laws of motion; Centripetal and centrifugal force.

CULTURAL STUDIES Globes to flat maps; Land and Water forms; living/non-living, classification of plants and animals

LANGUAGE Noun and article lessons
Spanish: Family

BIBLE Giving Thanks; Noah, Abraham, Moses; The Ten Commandments

CIVICS Being a good citizen. The Pledge of Allegiance

Elementary students will also be taking a field trip to the Water Treatment Plant this month! Please remember to send students in their school t-shirt for field trip and PE days.

Mrs. Dolline Abraham
and
Mrs. Tracie Steele

PRIMARY

Throughout September, our students will continue settling into their classroom routines while exploring the world through meaningful, hands-on learning. We will focus on the five senses, food groups, geography, seasons, and an introduction to astronomy. Through sensorial activities, the children will explore smell, sight, touch, taste, and hearing while developing their observation and classification skills.

The children will also enjoy practical experiences such as bread making, Spanish numbers, art, and lessons in grace and courtesy. Our Bible lessons will include Creation, Noah, and the Ten Commandments, helping us incorporate faith and character development into our daily learning.

Mrs. Carmen Alvarado
and
Mrs. Angel Wang

A look at some of our lessons for this month:

GROUP LESSONS

Large Group: Days of the week; Hemisphere Map Presentation; Classification: Land, Air, and Water.
Small Group: Smelling bottles; Magnetism

SPANISH

Numbers (los numeros) 1-5, 6-10

GRACE AND COURTESY

Inside voice; minimizing food waste; observing classroom pets

PRACTICAL LIFE

Cooking: Bread
Art: seasons

CULTURE

Seasons; astronomy; the moon; North America; The Continent song; Months of the Year

BIBLE

Creation; Noah (Genesis 6-9)



BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

James Kim	Primary 1	September 7th
Cameron Tate	Primary 1	September 9th
Killian Evans	Upper Elementary	September 9th
Braden Easley	Upper Elementary	September 11th
Axel Rivera Mercado	Primary 1	September 13th
Luna Castro Rodriguez	Primary 1	September 15th
Levi Newberry	Primary 2	September 16th
Bexley Ege	Primary 2	September 17th
Connolly Watson	Primary 1	September 20th
Amelia Ashby	Primary 1	September 22nd
Caleb Arnoudse	Lower Elementary	September 24th
Diako Jalali	Primary 1	September 27th

EVENT DETAILS

Picture Days:

Kiarah Portraits will be on campus to take pictures of the toddler, primary, and elementary students on **September 15th (Primary) & 16th (Elementary & Toddler)**. Please send your child to school in the outfit that you would like them to wear for their picture! (You may send a change of clothes if you would like them to change afterward.)

We will offer sibling pictures. If the siblings are scheduled on different days, email the office to let us know which day is preferred.

****If Wednesday, September 16th is chosen for an elementary sibling, please remember this is also a PE day.** Elementary students should come to school in their picture day outfits but bring their school shirt, shorts, and tennis shoes to change into afterward.

Infant pictures: Infant students are welcome to be photographed if a parent is present. Parents of infant students may take their child to the photography location in the Upper Elementary library on the second floor of the main building on either morning.

Once the pictures are complete, Kiarah Portraits will send proofs home with the ordering details. There is no obligation to purchase any pictures.

Hearing and Vision Screening:

Please make sure your child is present September 22–24 for the required hearing and vision screening if they will be age 4 by September 1, 2026. Results will be sent home after testing is complete.

These screens help determine whether your child's vision and hearing fall within the expected range for their age or whether further diagnostic testing by a health care professional may be needed. At age 4, children pass with 20/40 vision unless there is a two-line difference between each eye. At age 5 and above, the state considers passing to be the 20/30 line.

Also, in the past I have found that the few children who have failed the initial hearing test, will pass with a re-screen a couple weeks later because congestion affected the ability to hear.

These tests have proven beneficial because children will often over-compensate to see, which can mask vision problems. Catching hearing and vision problems early can have a positive impact on your child's health and general ability to thrive.

****If your child wears glasses, please ensure that they bring them!**

Friday Spirit Days:

Students may show their school spirit by wearing a Montessori t-shirt on Fridays. If your child does not have one, please stop by the office. The first shirt upon enrollment is complimentary, and additional shirts are \$20. Long-sleeve shirts will be available to order later this month.

Enrichment Classes:

Our enrichment classes begin the first week of September. The instructors are excited to welcome your children, and each class will have an end-of-year performance to showcase students' skills. If you are interested, please contact the office promptly so your child can be included. Registration forms are also on our website.

Book Fair:

Our school-wide Scholastic Book Fair will be held on **September 10 and 11** in the Lower Elementary classroom located in the Main Building. Families are welcome to shop before school from **7:30–8:00 AM and after school from 3:15–5:30 PM**. Proceeds from the Book Fair will help support the End-of-Year Trip for our Elementary students, ages 9–12.

Tardies start Tuesday, September 1st!