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Montessori Children's House E-Update



Children of the Preprimary Program learning abstract art skills with Ms. Cristina, our beloved Art Specialist!

Dear Anna,

As we begin to experience and enjoy the changes that come with the Fall season the children are cherishing their time outside on our campus. Raking leaves, collecting acorns and leaves, and witnessing the beauty as the leaves change color are a few of the outdoor activities the children will experience in these next weeks. Please be sure to dress your children appropriately for the season so they are comfortable to enjoy their time spent outside.

The children have now acclimated to their indoor classroom environments and continue to practice many of the daily routines including choosing their work, putting their work away, walking around the work rugs as they navigate the classroom and being respectful of their classmates, to name a few.

As **October 31st** draws near, we want to remind you that it is the tradition at MCH as an educational institution centered in the study of real things in our world, that we not celebrate Halloween in a commercial manner. Instead, the classrooms will celebrate the many things involved in this traditional time of harvest: apples, pumpkins, the changing color of the leaves, the winter preparation of animals and more. Additionally, some classrooms will carve pumpkins to display outside. The children will enjoy creating and seeing this festive symbol of fall. We ask that children NOT wear costumes to school. We are confident that families who celebrate this event will have full opportunity to enjoy their Halloween costumes at local neighborhood or community events. We appreciate your full cooperation with this policy.

Photos from our school events and everyday life at MCHNB can be found on [our Facebook page](#) .

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9:00 a.m. Picture Day

Fri., October 5
Fall Conferences
NO SCHOOL

Mon., October 8

Picture Day



Monday, October 1st is Picture Day at MCH. If this is not a regularly scheduled day for your child, you and your child are

more than welcome to attend the photo session at 9:00 a.m. Forms for photos were sent home and were due back at school on 9/27. If you would like your child's photo taken and did not submit the form, please contact the school office at (847) 550-0917.

You will receive an email approximately one week after photos are taken, where you can choose among several packages. Payments are made directly to Simply Portraits through their website.

Fall Conferences

October is our **Fall Parent-Teacher Conference** time when the Toddler (18 mo. - 35 months) and Preprimary (3 - 6 year olds) class conferences will be scheduled. Information was sent home with your child.

If you have questions about the programs at Montessori Children's House, your child's opportunities for growth or about the transition process between programs, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher. We will be happy to outline the progression of the curriculum and the important impact of the full cycle of the Montessori multi-year experience.

We so appreciate your participation in this important aspect of home-school connection and communication!

Parent Volunteer Committee Meeting



We are looking forward to hosting our second Parent Volunteer Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 16th from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. We welcome parents to join the committee, whether you can make it to a meeting or not, as we collaborate and gather ideas for our annual fundraising event. Childcare for all current students

and alumni will be available for the hour, but must be registered for in advance by emailing Ms. Dana at Office@mchnb.net.

If you are not able to attend, but are interested in participating as a volunteer, please also reach out to us at office@mchnb.net and we can share the notes from the meeting with you!

Family Garden Day & Picnic



Bring your family, your garden tools and a picnic blanket and join us for our annual **Fall Family Garden Day and Picnic** on Friday, October 12th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This is a regularly scheduled day for students.

Columbus Day
NO SCHOOL

Fri., October 12
Family Garden Day & Picnic
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tue., October 16
Parent Volunteer
Committee Meeting
4:00 p.m.

Fri., October 19
Field Trip
PREPRIMARY CLASS ONLY

Thur., November 1
Tuition Payment Due
Four Installment Plan
Nine Installment Plan

Annual Food Drive Begins

Fri., November 9
Institute Day
NO SCHOOL

Fri., November 16
Fair & Book Fair
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday
November 21 - 23
Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL

Please feel free to [download our updated School Year Calendar](#) or [use it online](#)

101 Parent Course

Thank you to those who were able to attend the **Montessori 101 Parent Course**.

It was a pleasure meeting parents and participating in the engaging discussions that followed.

Mission Statement



The goal of Montessori Children's House of North Barrington is to enable each child to grow in awareness of him or herself, of others, and of the world around. Each material, activity, or experience is expressly designed to give the child new perspective, to develop a

We invite you to join the families and staff from our Montessori Children's House Community as we garden together and work on developing our outdoor environment for the children. No green thumb necessary!

We encourage parents to spend the morning with their child cleaning up flower beds, spreading wood chips under play equipment, planting bulbs that will come up in the spring and preparing the garden for winter. As you spend this time with your child caring for their school environment you will be strengthening the connection between their home life and their school community - an essential connection for children as they grow into new experiences!

Invitations and information regarding our Garden Day will be sent out through an Evite in the coming days.

If you have any questions, please email us at office@mchnb.net.

Preprimary Class Fall Field Trip



The children of the Preprimary Class (ages 3 - 6) will be going to visit Goebbert's Farm in South Barrington on Friday, October 19th. The students will have the opportunity to participate in several activities, including a wagon ride to the cornfield, an educational talk and video about how pumpkins and fall crops grow, bee pollination, different types of

farming, and even a visit to their petting zoo.

All the Preprimary students will be bussed to and from Montessori Children's House that day.

All Preprimary class teachers and several parent chaperones will accompany the children on their outing. The children will arrive back at school at approximately 12:00 p.m. and continue with their regularly scheduled day.

If this is not your child's regularly scheduled attendance day, they are more than welcome to join us on the field trip. Please make sure to drop your child off at MCH at 8:30 a.m. and pick up will be at 12:00 p.m.

The cost for each child is \$20.00, payable to Montessori Children's House. An informational flyer will be sent home first week of October.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at (847) 550-0917 or office@mchnb.net.

Toddler Program



Montessori sensorial sorting work teaches the child to organize their world using all of their senses while also working on careful discrimination. Sorting cultivates beginning math skills for students. By sorting, children understand that things are alike and different and that they can belong and be organized into groups.

Practice with sorting at an early age is important for developing numerical concepts and leads to skills in grouping numbers and sets when they're older. This type of thinking starts them on the path of applying logical analysis to objects, mathematical concepts and every day life in general.

Preprimary Program


scientific concept, or to encourage growth as a social being. Montessori Children's House of North Barrington fosters a sense of partnership between the children, the teachers, and the parents to work collaboratively towards the common goal of realizing the child's full potential.


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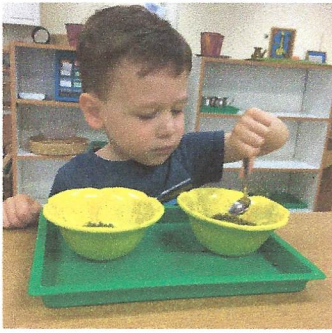
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The exercises of Practical Life provide the foundation for all other activities in the Montessori environment and is a vital part of our classrooms. Through the use of these exercises such as the activity pictured children begin to gain confidence and mastery of their environment. Transferring is a staple activity in the Montessori Preprimary classroom. Students develop their fine motor skills, focus, and capacity for concentration while transferring small objects from one bowl or small container to another.

The Montessori Children's House staff thanks you for sharing your children with us!

Sincerely,

Anna Perry
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Montessori Children's House of North Barrington

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