



August Newsletter



Lodi Montessori Preschool & Kindergarten

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A Message From Miss Vy

Welcome!

On behalf of Lodi Montessori, I would like to welcome both the returning and new families to the 2017-2018 school year!

Cold popsicles, silliness and lots of laughter are some of the few things I remember from the past summer sessions at Lodi Montessori. We had a lot of fun taking various field trips, building new friendships and goofing around on hot summer water play days. However, as our summer has come to an end, our directors, teachers and staff have begun working diligently to prepare for the

new school year.

As I was sitting at my desk sending out communications to our families, I started to ponder about my role. I have to admit that one of the greatest things about being the school's Office Manager and part of the administration team, is that I have the honor of meeting all the families prior to enrolling, and boy am I excited to have you all with us this year!

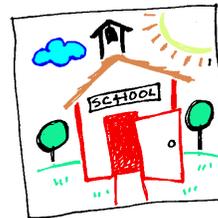
Lodi Montessori is fortunate to have a wonderful group of parents. We hope to deepen existing relationships and forge new ones. We look forward to part-

nering with you (again) to ensure your children reach their full potential.

This year, we will continue to work hard on providing a nurturing learning environment, to prepare our children for success in their primary grades ahead.

Vy Ergonis

Office Manager



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A Few Summer School Highlights!

*Farm Animals Visit (Goat, Chickens, Rabbits!)



*Field trip to the park and Stockton Ports game!



*Polynesian Dancing with Moana!



*Celebrating Dads!

Dates to Remember

August 9: Back to School Night (530pm - 630pm).

August 15: Soccer Shots Demo Day

August 31: Dr. Maria Montessori's 147th Birthday

September 4: NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)

September 6: Picture Day (More information will be sent home when the time is near.)

Curriculum In A Nutshell: 101 PreK & Kinder



Welcome to the 2017 - 2018 school year! I am looking forward to joining your children for another exciting year filled with a wealth of learning adventures. During our first month in class we will be concentrating on:

- Understanding classroom procedures
- Taking care of our classroom
- Strengthening our social skills
- Classroom and playground safety
- Learning the proper use of Montessori materials

There are ten fundamental rules by Maria Montessori, and I would like to go over a few of them with you today.

1. Always be ready to answer the call of the child who stands in need of you and always listen and respond to the child who appeals to you.
2. Be active in preparing the environment;

take meticulous and constant care of it. Help the child establish a constructive relationship with it. Show the proper place where the means of development are kept and demonstrate their proper use.

3. Respect the child who makes a mistake and can later correct himself, but stop firmly and immediately any misuse of the environment and any action which endangers the child, his development or others.

4. Be untiring in repeating presentations to the child who refused them earlier, in helping the child acquire what is not yet his own and overcome imperfections. Do this by animating the environment with care, with restraint and silence, with mild words and loving presence.

Make your presence readily available to the child who searches and hide from the child who is able.

I have set high expectations and have developed plans to ensure all students will be successful again this year. I believe that every student will learn to their highest level, and I am prepared to offer more time and support to any student who needs it. **Ask for your support and participation in this effort by sending your child to school on time every day.**

I am confident that this coming year will be a wonder filled experience for all of us. Please take a moment to view each month's lesson plan on the bulletin board. Communication with parents is very important to me. Feel free to set a time to speak with me if you have questions or concerns. We have a "teacher message box" for parents to utilize, located by the sign in/out binder.

Thank you. – Ms. Setsuko

Curriculum In A Nutshell: 102 PreK

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a great summer. As some of our parents may already know, I have moved from room 103 where I will have the honor to be your child's lead teacher in room 102. I know we have a few brand new students starting with us and I look forward to getting to know them. This school year, Ms. Rosanna and I will be working closely together. All students and parents are very important to us. For any questions or concerns, please let us know. Please feel free to call into the school at (209)366-1012 or leave me a message in the "Teacher's Message Box" located by the sign in and out binder.

I want each of my students to progress to the highest level, but at their own individual pace. I kindly request that all parents do their best to send their child to school on time each day. This will only aide in their progress. If running late, please be discreet

while entering the classroom so that there is minimal distraction as possible (i.e. during circle time, group time and work time).

This month, the children will be introduced to the school rules (indoors and outdoors), the classroom schedule, and what it means to be the "Officer" for the day. Practical Life skills will be first introduced. Students will continue to develop skills in how to care for self/others, and care of their environment. Most of my students are very familiar with how to handle the job materials. The returning students from 102 shall help take the lead by showing all newer students how to handle the other bigger job materials. All areas in the classroom will be focused (Math, Language, Cultural and Science, Practical Life and Sensorial). On the board by the sign in/out book, I will post a monthly calendar of the curriculum. I urge that you look at the calendar once in a while to provide insight of what the chil-

dren are learning for the current month.

During this month, the children will work on developing stronger social skills. They will work on understanding and memorizing shapes, numbers/quantities, letters/sounds etc. Some children have already begun reading and they will continue to learn more. Writing & coloring skills will be encouraged. We will go further in depth about our universe. Each month, we will talk about a famous person and their work. For August, it will be Neil Armstrong. In addition, we will be learning about seed and plants.

I look forward to a hardworking, fun, and fantastic school year! - Ms. Amber

"This is education, understood as a help to life; an education from birth, which feeds a peaceful revolution and unites all in a common aim..." - Dr. Maria Montessori

Curriculum In A Nutshell: 103 Early Preschool



Welcome to Lodi Montessori! We have many new students starting in our classroom and we look forward to working with them all. My name is Lizett, but go I by Ms. Liz. I have over four years of Montessori teaching experience and recently obtained

my Montessori certification this past year. The team in room 103 and I, are looking forward to getting to know all of the students and their families.

This month, our class will be focusing on

getting familiar with the classroom rules, daily schedule, and grace & courtesy. A lot of Practical Life skills will be introduced, such as:

-Care of self; how to use a tissue, wash hands, wipe face etc.

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-Care of environment; sweeping, wiping, respect of job materials etc.

Toileting is encouraged in various and positive ways. When a child is showing signs that he/she is ready, it is important that parents and teachers communicate. Both must work together on a plan for how to help that child learn to start using the toilet. We now have Ms. Noemy, who will be taking over diapering/toileting. I, along with Ms. Alicia and Ms. Maria will also help when needed.

Many of our older students have moved on to the Pre-K classrooms (101/102). We also have several returning students. With that being said, our returning students will be setting the example on how to work in the classroom. They will take on the leadership

role to reiterate what has been taught in the past year.

For this month, students and teachers will get to know one another. I will also introduce simple subjects in Geography/Science, Botany, Language, Sensorial, Math, and Zoology. For our older and returning students, they will be encouraged to work with more advanced materials and lessons.

Each Friday, until the end of the year, I will be incorporating music lessons. Music is a wonderful thing to bring into the classroom, as it can boost children's brain power, help improve memory and increase social skills by helping the little ones break out of their shell. I have many Montessori songs accumulated over the years that I look forward to teaching your children! You may

begin to hear them singing a tune or two at home.

Thank you parents for taking the time to read this. I look forward to a great school year here at Lodi Montessori! If you have questions and/or concerns about anything, please let me know by calling our school at (209) 366-1012, or you can simply leave me a note in the small wooden box by the sign in/out binder.

- Ms. Liz



"The greatest signs of success for a teacher is to be able to say, the children are now working as if I did not exist."

- Dr. Maria Montessori

Reminders!

To ensure a smooth start to the new school year, please be reminded of the following:

- Check the bulletin board and emails for important school information, upcoming events and your child's snack day
- Take home your child's daily work
- Ensure your child has an extra set of clothes at school (shirts, pants, socks, underwear, etc.)
- Label your child's belongings. Lodi Montessori is not responsible for lost or stolen items
- Chap-stick, lotion, hand sanitizers, OTC meds are not allowed in your child's cubby. Please hand it to a teacher for proper storage
- Lodi Montessori is a peanut and tree-nut free school zone



New? Consistency is Key.

During the first few weeks of school it is understandable that you, as the parent, might be apprehensive about leaving your child. Please feel free to speak to a staff member about using the observation area to watch as your child works within the classroom. Remember, your apprehension can easily get misinterpreted by the child and make his/her transition into a new school or a new classroom even more difficult.

Many children do experience separation anxiety in a new environment. A staff member will comfort your child until he/she feels comfortable in the classroom environment. A bond will soon develop and your child will establish a routine, learning to trust that you will return at a specific time each day. It is important in the first few weeks of school to maintain consistent drop-off and pick-up times. We will work with you and your child to make the transition as nurturing and positive as possible.



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