

Children's House Three

Save the Dates

Friday, November 1st:

No School (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Monday, November 4th:

No School (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Tuesday, November 5th:

No School (Election Day)

Monday, November 11th:

Veteran's Day Celebration at 9:15am

Tuesday, November 26th:

Elementary/Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast

November 27th-29th:

Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, December 2nd:

Classes Resume



Creating our representation of the Solar System

September & October Recap

It has been a busy start to the school year for us here at Galilee Montessori. We started the year learning many Grace and Courtesy lessons. These lessons are critical in laying the foundation for our class community. Some of the characteristics we focused on were peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self control. It's incredible to observe the children interact respectfully and treat each other with kindness.

A few additional Grace and Courtesy lessons include using a quiet voice, raising a quiet hand at group, saying "excuse me," taking turns, and checking on a friend (who appears to be hurt or upset).



Spanish Corner with Ms. Maria



We are so grateful to have Ms. Maria as our Primary Spanish Teacher. Each week she rotates through our primary classrooms spending 1-2 days per room. While in the classroom, Ms. Maria conducts our first group entirely in Spanish! Here is a sample of what is covered during first group: greetings, attendance, calendar (el Calendario), days of the week (Días de la Semana), weather (el clima), and lastly a lesson associated with the classroom's unit of study. We began our Spanish curriculum with learning about Grace and Courtesy, fruits (frutas), colors (los colores), and planets (los planetas) all in Spanish!

Below are a few of our curriculum highlights:

Greetings: Buenos Días (Good Morning), Buenas Tardes (Good Afternoon) and Buenas Noches (Good Night). Hola (hello) and Adíos (good-bye).

Manners: Por Favor (please) and Gracias (thank you).

Song (to the tune of "Where is Thumbkin?"): Buenos Días, Buenos Días, (good morning). Cómo estás?, Cómo estás? (How are you?) Muy Bien, gracias, Muy Bien, gracias (very well, thank you). Y tu?, y tu? (and you?)

Sing along at home and enjoy!

October began with exploring apples. We studied the different parts of an apple, the lifecycle, and the children were able to taste test four different kinds of apples to determine their favorite. Each child sat with me to peel his/her own apple and contribute it towards our homemade applesauce!

Mid-month, GMS hosted an "in house field trip" with a visit from "The Bat Lady," Ms. Denise. She rescues injured bats and nurses them back to health. Ms. Denise shared a lot of interesting facts about bats with the intent to dismantle the scary stereotype behind them. She even brought two living bats in to show the children.

We ended the month with studying the Solar System. The children loved learning about space and working with our hand crafted 3D planets. Several students demonstrated the layout of the solar system and showed how they orbit the sun.

Kindergarten Adventures

During their last year(s) in Primary, the Kindergarten children have a huge leadership role in the classroom. The younger children look up to them for how to speak, act, and work in the classroom. Along with that responsibility comes special activities, lessons, and maybe the most exciting, field trips. Field trips are one of the special privileges that our kindergarteners have the opportunity to participate in.

Last week, during our study of space, we had the opportunity to travel to Plaza Middle School to visit the Planetarium. It was exciting and engaging. One of our favorite parts of the visit was learning about different star constellations.

* If you'd like to visit the Planetarium, it's open to the public on Tuesdays at 7pm!

