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Subject: The Seahorse Updates

Dear Seahorse Families,

"We shall walk together on this path of life, for all things are part of the universe and are connected with each other to form one whole unity." - Dr. Montessori.

Thank you for continuing to do your homework: spending time with your child, one-on-one, and talking about their day at school and in general.

This week is short, **NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY**. Friday is a professional day for teachers. We have Pizza Thursday this week, and please return the pizza pouches along with money if your child is participating in Pizza Thursday.

Focus on the month: Observation

Observation is a key to knowledge, and it helps us support others. Every day we observe the things, situations, and people in our surroundings and learn from them. Observation is part of our day-to-day life.

To our knowledge, some observations are known (conscious observation) that we wanted to observe particular surroundings/people. In contrast, other observations happen without us realizing (unconscious observation) that our brain is collecting information on that specific moment which can be anything. For young children, observation is a way of learning. They learn and behave by watching the environment and people around them. Kids follow the directions quickly if we show them how to do rather than tell them what to do. The direct commands take time to reach and process in their brain. What we show/model is what they see, and what they see is how they react.

In a Montessori classroom, the teacher observes that each child follows their needs and guides them accordingly. Every child is unique, and every child's intellectual, physical, and emotional needs are individual. Some children show us their needs; some take time to find their needs, and some want to mimic other friends until they find their own needs. The teacher observes them ALL, respects their needs, and offers what can/ways to fulfill them while the child is at our care.

Our children are taking all in through their senses. Few kids question their observations; few will follow as it is, and a few will take time to process the information. However, the observation is happening every single moment!

Next week is Spring break, and please get in touch with Ms. Christina (christina@maysandsmontessori.com) for volunteer opportunities as we have events during the Spring break and need your support.

Thank you,
Ms. Karthi