



HAGERSTOWN CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

Education for Life

September 2014

Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future. - Maria Montessori

Letter from the Director, Heather Tosten

Back to school transitions have gone extremely well. The first weeks of school are what Maria Montessori referred to as the normalization period. "Normal" does not refer to what is considered to be "typical" or "average" or even "usual." "Normalization" does not refer to a process of being forced to conform. The normalization period is a time set aside for the children to adjust and become familiar with the classroom routines and expectations as well as develop the ability to be self-reliant and self-motivated without interruption. This is the purpose of delaying volunteering in our classrooms.

Our annual Parent Association meeting will be held on September 23. At this meeting we will be sharing our

classroom volunteering information as well as other useful information about the classrooms and the Montessori philosophy. We hope you will take the time out of your busy schedule to learn more about your child's school.

Our classroom focus for August and September is Grace and Courtesy. These lessons not only help the children become familiar with the classroom routines, schedules, and expectations, they also help teach the students to respect each other and interact kindly with others. Respect is the basis for all the interactions in our classroom and is reinforced throughout the year.

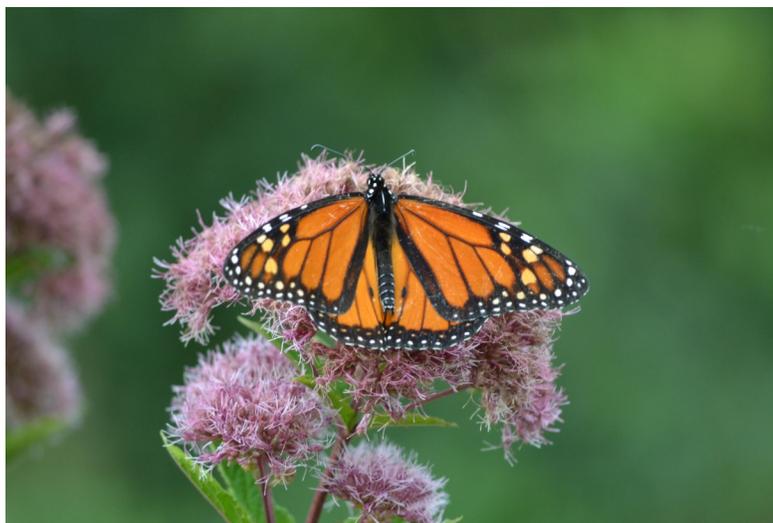
If you have any questions, please let us know.

Upcoming Events

- September 1 Labor Day School Closed
- September 8 Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- September 12 Show and Tell
- September 16 Show and Tell
- September 23 Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm
- October 1 End of Normalization Period

Things to Remember

- Please return all forms to the office
- October Tuition is due on Sept 15
- Extended Care fees are due on the first of each month
- Out of respect for St John's and for the safety of your children, playing in the flower beds or along retaining walls is not permitted



The Monarchs begin their migration to Mexico

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There's Nothing In My Bag Today

Today I did my math and science,
I toasted bread.
I halved and quartered.
I counted, measured, used my eyes,
And ears and head.
I added and subtracted on the way,
I used a magnet, cylinders, and memory tray.
I learned about a rainbow and how to weigh.
So please don't say, ***"anything in your bag today?"***

You see, I'm sharing as I play,
I learned to listen and
Speak clearly when I talk,
To wait my turn, and when inside to walk.
To put my thoughts into a phrase,
To guide a pencil through a maze
To find my name and write it down,
To do it with a smile, not a frown.
To put my pasting brush away,
So please don't say, ***"what, nothing in your bag today?"***

I've learned about a snail and a worm,
Remembering how to take my turn.
Helped a friend when he was stuck,
Learned that water runs off a duck.
I looked at words from left to right,
Agreed to differ, not to fight!
So Please don't say, ***"did you play today?"***

We Still have a few openings in our Primary Program. Please let your friends and other community members know that there is still an opportunity to enroll

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