



April 14, 2010

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Summer 2010 and School Year 2010-2011 Registration

Registration forms for summer 2010 were due April 12 and registration forms for the next school year are due April 19. Please fill it out and return to school as soon as possible if you have not filled it out yet.

Celebration of Learning – Tuesday, April 20

Each spring the children invite their parents to come to their rooms and see what they have learned this past school year.

The Children's House children have made an invitation for their parents stating what they would like to show you. Please read and discuss your child's invitation with him/her and together create a plan for the evening (FYI: food work will not be available for the open house).

We look forward to seeing you!

Please follow the schedule so there is enough room in each Casa and enough parking. Please see the invites in today's Family Folder.

4:30pm – 5:00pm: the Toddler Community

5:15pm – 5:45pm: Children who are extended day in Casa 1 and Casa 2 and Casa 3 as assigned

6:00pm – 6:30pm: Children who are half day and all day in Casa 1 and Casa 2 and Casa 3 as assigned

Dr. Steve Hughes: Modern Parenting: Tips, Tricks and Traps

This event will be held on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00pm at the Plymouth Creek Center. RSVP to Kathy at Children's Workshop, 763-577-4244. Hope to see you there. If you want any further information please visit Dr. Hughes' website www.goodatdoingthings.com. Please invite your family and friends to come as well.

The Mother's Day Gathering

Every year we honor all mothers by hosting a small brunch. This year the brunch will held be on Friday, May 7.

Each room has a designated time for their brunch. It is very important to follow the times as we need to move around some tables and chairs and to have space in the parking lot for the next group.

The Toddler Community: 8:30am – 9:00am

Casa 1: 9:15am – 9:45am
Casa 2: 10:00am – 10:30am
Casa 3: 10:45am – 11:15am

Year End Celebration Information

The Spring Program is for the children in the casas. The Toddler Community parents are invited to attend the program and/or come to the potluck afterward.

The program will be held at FAIR School on Saturday, May 15 at 10:30am (children must arrive by 10:15am). The address is 3915 Adair Ave. No., Crystal.

Directions from LFM:

Go east on Rockford Road to Adair Avenue North

At the stoplights, turn right (heading south) on Adair Avenue North

Continue straight until you reach the school, it will be on the right side

This venue is large so there is not a limit on the number of guests that each family may invite. You will be notified of where each Casa will be on the stage so you can sit accordingly. The front rows will be reserved for the families of the graduating Kindergarteners. Each graduating child's family will receive up to six reserved seats.

There will not be a professional videographer recording the entire program. If you choose to videotape the program, please be aware of the people surrounding you. *During the program, please do not raise your camera in the air blocking the view of others.*

The children have been working hard on this performance already. We all like to keep it a surprise for the families.

Every year some children get a "special part." Usually these parts are given to children who have experienced the program before and/or who are older than four years.

We want the program to be fun for everyone. Please be aware that not all of the children will want to participate. We are sensitive to this and plan for it. Your child's teacher will discuss with you if she thinks your child will not be able to participate for the entire length of the program. Your child may feel most comfortable watching his/her friends up on stage and singing along while sitting with you.

A potluck is planned for all families, including the Toddler Community families, after the program back at Little Flowers Montessori School. This potluck will begin at 12pm.

Signup sheets will be placed in the front table in the near future. Each room will be responsible for a certain type of dish. *If there is rain, the potluck will be canceled.*

Key Cards

If you have lost your key card, please notify your child's teacher and it will be replaced. To replace a key card, the cost is \$12.00.

When you leave the school at the end of the year or the summer, all key cards assigned to your family must be turned in on your child's last day of school. If you do not turn it in, you will be charged \$12.00 per card.

Calendar

April 20 – Celebration of Learning (please follow assigned times)

April 27 – Dr. Steve Hughes: Modern Parenting: Tips, Tricks and Traps

May 7 – Mother's Day Gathering (please follow assigned times)

May 15 – Year End Celebration, 10:30am; Potluck to follow at 12pm

May 18 - 20 – Little Flowers Montessori Food Drive

May 27 – Kindergarten graduation 9:00am – 10:00am (only for the graduating Kindergarteners and their families)

May 29 – Last day of school

half day dismissal at the regular scheduled time (11:30am TC, 11:40am CH)

all day and extended day dismissal is at 12:00pm (there will be no lunch)

please drive up to the curb and we will walk your child(ren) to you

May 31 – Memorial Day; no school

June 1 – School closed; staff preparation for summer school

June 2 – First day of Summer school

Montessori Minute

“My research is directed at identifying social and emotional rearing environments that help to build better brains. We're not just interested in intelligence – we're interested in emotional well-being and social functioning, too. Ultimately, we want to show how to maximize the growth and development of children in all domains.” Dr. Steve Hughes, April 2009, at a lecture given at the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota.

Dr. Hughes and his wife chose a Montessori school for their daughter because he found this scientific education to be most in sync with what he found in his modern brain research.