

MVM Newsletter

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Reminders:



Building

Hours:

7:30am-6:00pm

Summer

Applications

Brochures are available in the front office. Please fill out the application inside and return to us as soon as possible. We are filling up fast for the summer!

Sunscreen

The warmer weather has arrived. Please ensure that you apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive to school. Teachers will be re-applying sunscreen before students head outside in the afternoon.

Office News

This school year has flown by and as we wrap up the last couple months, we would like to take a moment to say how proud we are of all the accomplishments that your child has achieved. We are thankful to all our parents for putting your best efforts forward in helping making this school year a successful one.



Student Presentation Day!

We are sad to see many of our students leaving at the end of the school year but are happy to know that we had an opportunity to be a part of their educational journey. We wish you all the best of luck in your new schools!

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT MONTH

APRIL

Important Dates to Remember:

- Open Enrollment for 2024-2025 school year

MAY

Important Dates to Remember:

- Graduation/Last Day of School 23rd
Early Dismissal at 1pm
- Teacher Appreciation Week 6th-10th

JUNE

Important Dates to Remember:

- Summer Program Starts 4th

**You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting,
So... get on your way! ~Dr. Seuss**

PINON PINE CLASSROOM

CLASSROOM NEWS

MARCH 2024

MS. TAMMY & MS. LISA



Archie Planting sunflower seeds using soil and water.

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The month of **March** was very eventful. The children learned about different types of frogs, where they live and what they eat. We also studied the parts of a frog.

In **Botany**, we explored the parts of a flower and discussed what they need to grow. We learned that sun, soil and water are very important in making sure a flower thrives. We also had the chance to plant an Amaryllis, and the children have been able to watch its growth for the past couple of months. They have named her Ms. Silly.

In **Science**, we have been learning about different types of weather. We made lightning out of cardboard, batting and lights. We also had a chance to do a rain experiment using a vase, shaving cream, water and blue food coloring. The children really enjoyed making rain!

In **April**, we will be exploring the world of insects. Since spring will be in full bloom, we will be planting sunflowers and getting our garden ready. The children will also be experimenting with things that sink and float.



Our class rain cloud that was created by Ms. Lisa.



Marcel practicing on his pouring skills.

A GENTLE REMINDER TO PLEASE
WASH YOUR CHILD'S LUNCHBOX AND
BACKPACK FREQUENTLY.

JUNIPER CLASSROOM

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MARCH 2024

MS. RENEE AND MS. MICHELLE

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The children are doing great this semester, and we are excited about their progress. We continue to work on the fundamentals of grace and courtesy. We use our words and speak to one another with respect, and we take care of ourselves and the classroom. These fundamentals are key to having a healthy Montessori environment and will help to keep things in order.

The children have been working more independently and have been capable of focusing on their individual works. Presentations were a success, and the children did an amazing job.



Alex showing his work on the large hexagon box during student presentations.

February was filled with many holidays and with that came lots of fun activities. We had our Valentine's Day celebration, learned about Presidents Day and Chinese New Year and continued with the study of our teeth in honor of National dental month. The children also dived into understanding why we celebrate Black history in the month of February as well.

In **Science**, we continued with our unit of study on the Solar System. The children showed a great interest in the subject and enjoyed making their own solar system art.

In **Zoology**, we started our unit of study on the Arctic and Antarctica regions.



Maxfield and Adalena putting their solar system artwork together.

In **March**, we continued our study of arctic animals and learned interesting facts about polar bears, orcas, penguins, seals, walruses and arctic foxes. We learned how they can survive in the extremely cold climate, talked about the food chain and studied the life cycles of some of these animals.

The children enjoyed learning all the fun facts and creating their art projects.

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Mariana working with the flower manipulatives in the practical life area.



Oliver having some fun outside on the balancing stones.

In the month of **April**, we will be learning about reptiles with a focus on turtles as well as other popular reptiles like snakes and crocodiles. We will also be learning about the reptiles of the past. Dinosaurs are always a favorite subject and lots of fun to learn about. We will be examining fossils and may do some excavating of our own.

In **Botany**, we will be learning about the parts of a flower and discussing how important and beautiful they are. We will also be doing some planting for earth day and preparing our garden as well.

Spring is here and we are excited about the warmer weather! We will be spending more time outside so please ensure that your child has sunscreen at school and is wearing the appropriate clothing to match the weather.

We look forward to finishing the semester strong!



Lars excavating a dinosaur from a fossilized egg.



A new student working with the dinosaur bones.

WE ENJOYED SPEAKING TO EVERYONE AT CONFERENCES AND APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT THAT YOU GIVE TO YOUR CHILDREN!

DESERT WILLOW CLASSROOM

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MS. WENDY AND MS. ROSALBA

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Nyla showing her work on the moveable alphabet during student presentations.

We started **February** off with celebrating **Groundhog Day**. The class took a poll to find out if Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow or not. Happily, Phil has predicated an early spring!

It is the year of the dragon. In honor of **Chinese New Year**, we learned about traditional Chinese customs and all the preparation that goes into the holiday. It lasts for 15 days and ends with a beautiful lantern ceremony. We wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. Gong Hay Fat Choy!

For **Presidents Day**, we discussed what it takes to be a leader and compared the rules in our school and some laws in our country. We also learned the similarities and differences between George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

In **Botany**, we learned about different Conifer trees and did an experiment using a variety of pinecones. We also discussed the parts of a tree.

In **April**, we will learn the parts of a flower with an emphasis on the life cycle of a sunflower and planting seeds.

In **Zoology**, we studied Arctic animals with an emphasis on polar bears and penguins. We will also look at Amphibians and those amazing frogs and toads that live on land and water. The children will learn the life cycle from tadpole to frog.

During **Black History month**, we studied several important people. Harriett Tubman was one who led dozens of slaves to freedom in the underground railroad. Ruby Bridges was the first black child to attend an all-white school at 6 years old. Jackie Robinson became the first African American to play major league baseball, number 42, and Barack Obama who was our 44th president and the first black president who served the United States.

WISHING ALL OUR FAMILIES MOVING ON THE
BEST OF LUCK AND A FUN, SAFE SUMMER. WE
LOOK FORWARD TO OUR SUMMER
PROGRAM AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS!

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In **Geography**, we learned about the North and South poles of the Arctic. We had discussions on what is the difference between life on the two environments. We asked questions like what is happening to climate change? How is it affecting the icebergs and ice floats? Where will the animals go when the ice melts? We ended this unit with the beautiful northern lights.

In **April and May**, we will tour some of Europe and visit Ireland, England, France and Italy. We will learn the arts, food, language and landmarks of these countries.



Kindergartener Harper showing her presentation on Saturn.

In **Science**, we started with National Dental month and had a visit from Craig Layton from Family Dental. The Dentist was quite impressed with how much our students knew about their teeth.

We studied our Universe and all matter. The children took the lead on this unit. They are well versed in naming the planets and knowing their order from hot to coldest. The kindergarteners did a terrific job presenting their projects and we learned more about comets and meteorites. There were great questions and answers and all the children participated in this unit.

In **April/May**, will be learning about weather and what better place to experience changes of the four seasons than New Mexico! We will start with cloud formation and learn their names. We will also discuss, what is a rain cloud, fog and a storm? Along with what is a rainbow? We will conclude this unit with several experiments.

For **National Poetry month**, we will be learning about Haiku and creating our own poems. The Kindergarteners will be choosing a poem to recite for graduation.



Elise choosing art for her free choice work.



Dylan working with the North Africa map puzzle.

End of Year Activities

Birthdays



Pinon Pine

3/7 Benjamin

4/30 Archie

Juniper

2/12 Lars

2/20 Mariana

3/19 Oliver

4/2 Alexander

4/20 Anthony

5/8 Jameson

Desert Willow

2/1 Ellie

3/2 Aliya

3/4 Ella

3/20 Harper

4/29 Maxwell

5/30 Piper

5/31 Nyla



April 22

Students will be participating in group discussions about how we can help take care of our environment and Planet Earth. Following group discussions, the students will be doing a playground cleanup and watching Dr. Seuss, The Lorax.



May 23

All students will be invited to participate in a group ceremony with their parents and families in celebration of their accomplishments! More information on this event will be provided in May.



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