

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday January 19, 2016



Is MMA Jr. High Right for Your Child?

Join our curriculum specialist for a tour of Maria Montessori Academy Charter School. See if the Montessori Method is right for your child. If you have questions please contact kweaver@mariamontessoriacademy.org. Please plan on spending 30-45 minutes touring the school and observing the children work.

Sign up for a tour [HERE](#).

A Message from the School Counselor:

Counselor's Corner

Habit 1-Be Proactive

Tired of reminding your child ...Homework? Cleaning their room? Picking up? Wouldn't it be great if they just did it on their own?

Habit 1 is Be Proactive- "I am in charge of me." *This Habit is the key to moving from dependence to personal responsibility. This means the child is in charge of their choices, the consequences of those choices, how they respond in every situation, and their personal belongings. Do not feel like you need to "water it down" for younger children. They can understand and often will surprise you how eager they are to take charge of some of their own life.*

We have been teaching 7 Habits of Happy kids here at Maria Montessori Academy. **Here are some ways to apply this habit at home:**

Allow choices: would they like the blue plate or the yellow, would they like to go to bed now or in 10 minutes, would they like to read or do a puzzle. It doesn't matter how large or small the choice, practice matters. They can begin to take charge of what is going on in their own life.

Set clear expectations, then let them succeed. Have you ever been frustrated by an assignment you were expected to complete without clear instructions? It can feel the same to your kids. Even if you have done this before, review and clarify. Where does their backpack go when they get home? Shoes? Coat? When you talk about a clean room, what does that look like? Just toys put away? Bed made? Laundry? (Make sure your expectations are appropriate for your child's skill level.) When does the task have to be completed by? This should always be discussed in a calm tone and in a co-operative manner. If the child forgets the first few times, resist the urge to remind them, wait until the agreed upon completion time then ask if they forgot the agreement? Remind them at that time that they are in charge of their item/space and you are counting on them to take responsibility for that- to Be Proactive.

Words to use: "Would you like ___ or ___? Good choice."

"Thank you for being proactive and putting your coat away."

"Did you remember to 'stop and think' before you responded that way? What might have been a better way to respond?"

"That sounds like you have a problem. What do you think you could do about that?"

"Tell me what you are thinking here."

~Source: The Village Charter School

~Valeri Cruze

**See's
CANDIES**
fundraiser to benefit
*Maria Montessori
Academy*

Order forms will be sent home on January 5, 2016.
Completed order forms and money are due
back at school January 25, 2016.
Candy and chocolate delivered in time for
Valentine's Day.

For more information please contact
Heidi Bradley at
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What's New at MMA?

January

January 19th

~Parent Info Night for
Early Childhood & 1st-
6th from 7:00-8:00 pm
~Jr. High Second
Semester Starts

January 27th

6th Grade Snowball
Dance 5:30-7:00 pm

February

February 1st

MMA Skate Night

February 9th-11th

~PTC
~Early Out

February 12th

No School, Teacher
Compensation Day

February 15th

No School, Washington
and Lincoln Day

WE NEED YOU!

Maria Montessori Academy will be having our annual science fair for the 4th and 5th graders on the 17th and for the 6th and 8th graders on the 18th of February. This is always an exciting time for our students and we need your help to make this a fun and memorable event.

We need parent volunteers to help with a variety of tasks from set-up/clean-up, judging, judging coordinators, score keepers and snacks. No experience necessary for most of the tasks. Please contact

Paula Dugan at pdugan@mariamontessoriacademy.org or your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer.

MARIA MONTESSORI ACADEMY

New student Open Enrollment for the 2016 - 2017 school year has begun. The first lottery will be held on February 1st, 2016. Succeeding lottery pulls will be held on an as needed basis.

Visit our website for more information:

WWW.MARIAMONTESSORIIACADEMY.ORG



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Now is the time to declare your students intent to return for next year! Follow the link below to let us know if your student will be returning for the 2016-2017 year.

<https://charterenrollment.org/MariaMontessoriAcademy1516/DeclareIntent.aspx?App=6FDCA451>

Please declare your intent by Friday, January 22nd.

Enrollment for Children's Garden at MMA Early Childhood classes are now open!

Early Childhood is SO important to your child's Montessori education. This is where the magic happens! This is where it all begins. This is where they get a strong foundation. In order for our Kindergarteners to get the full experience from an early childhood classroom they need to complete the first two years AND they need younger students to lead! This is a great opportunity to have your 3 or 4 year old child complete a FULL three year cycle with Ms. Joy and Ms. Karen, or Ms. Jen and Ms. Martha! We have already had a huge response, so get your child's application in quickly for next year!

You can fill out a registration form here:

<http://thechildrensgardenmontessori.com/childrens-garden-at-mma/>

If you have any other questions please contact:
Becky, Children's Garden Montessori
(801) 644-1318

*Parents should note that registering a Pre-K student in the Children's Garden Montessori does not register them at Maria Montessori Academy or guarantee a spot in the next school year.

Smith's Community Rewards

Go to Smithsfoodanddrug.com and sign into your account. Once you're in there, it will say Welcome Back above your name. Click on your name and it will take you to your account. Scroll to the bottom and click on Community Rewards and select MMA (you can search by name or type in our code: 80168).

Visit their website at

www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/topic/community/#/community-rewards-3.

Thank you for your continued support of your local Smith's store.

*Get Ready for the
MMA Family
Skate Night!*

*Mark your calendars
for February first and
get ready to get your
groove on!*

*Skate night is a great
way for you to get
out with your family
in a fun, safe
environment and
mingle with other
families in the MMA
community.*

*More information
will be sent home
with your students
so be watching for it!*