

Monday Montessori Moments



Monday, November 28, 2016

A Message From Emily Goddard, Lead Jr. High Teacher

How have you been practicing your growth mind set vocabulary this past month?

When you focus on the effort of your child, you help nurture the development of important skill such as perseverance, self-confidence, resiliency, coping skills for disappointment and failure, and the ability to handle constructive feedback. Students become empowered when they discover the importance of 'yet.'

Here are some wonderful resources I wanted to share:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vUAxILi0Zo>

This is a great pep talk on how to praise children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLeUvZvuvAs>

This is a song about the power of yet.

As an educator, I have seen the power of mistakes and the importance or allowing children to learn from failure. When the fear of failure is no longer a big, green, scary monster, it becomes a tremendous aid in learning. Students no longer avoid a task due to the fear of failure, but rather, they dive in with a growth mind set.



November 29th

Boys Basketball Game
-Mt. Ogden Junior High

December 1st

Boys Basketball Game
-High Mark Charter School

December 6th

Boys Basketball Game
-Venture Academy

December 8th

Elementary Holiday Concert
Students A-K 6 to 7 pm
Students L-Z 7 to 8 pm

December 9th

Early Out

AM Kinder: 8:30 - 10:30
PM Kinder: 11:00 - 1:00
1st to 9th Grade: 8:30 - 1:00

December 15th

Junior High Holiday Concert
-7 pm

December 19th to 20th

-International Festival

December 20th

-Box Tops Store

What's New at MMA?

Hello Families,

I have started a group with some elementary students. The group is called Salvaging Sisterhood. This is a great program designed to teach relationally aggressive girls how to effectively communicate with one another. Usually they focus on talking about each other.

In this group I hope to:

- ~Raise awareness about relational aggression.
- ~Help the girls develop empathy.
- ~Lessen incidences of gossip, rumor spreading, and backstabbing.
- ~Teach the girls how to stand up for themselves, without involving a third party.
- ~Help the girls develop a strong sense of self.
- ~Teach healthy conflict.
- ~Teach the girls how to diffuse their anger, without disrespecting each other.
- ~Provide a safe, educational, and fun environment for girls to explore and share their feeling related to girl bullying.

I am so excited to begin this group and help girls work through potential girl problems. This is a great curriculum, and I am thrilled to begin positive relationships with these girls in a group setting.

The second semester student schedule is also underway. I have received all of the student requests and am compiling that information. We have some amazing elective choices, and the students are very excited. We are shooting to have schedules completed by Winter break.

-Valeri Cruze

Lost and Found Cleaning

The lost and found is starting to get quite full. If you have misplaced an item, please locate it in the school's main entry way. We will be donating anything not removed by the end of November.

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MMA's third annual Spelling Bee is quickly approaching! We are looking for a parent or community member to help Ms. Kacee organize and facilitate the fun and educational event. If you are interested please contact Ms. Kacee at kweaver@mariamontessoriacademy.org no later than November 30th.