

Room 5 Newsletter

Week of 10/2/23-10/6/23

Flower and Pizza Snack Assignments

Bring flowers on Monday and pizza Snack on Thursday please

10/02- Ellis Sandersius

10/16- Sultan Hashimi (Morning Snack assignment TBD)

10/23- Luna Lee

10/30- Sienna Mueller

Laundry and Dish Duty Reminders

September Laundry: Erin Thompson

September Dishes: Bushra Aryan

October Laundry: Briyana Humphries

October Dishes: Missy Lee

Messages from Miss Maria

- **Pizza Friday-** This week we have a regular Friday, so pizza will be served for lunch. Please only send a morning snack (and afternoon snack if your child stays for afterschool care).
- **Morning Snack Update-** I am very pleased to inform everyone that we will be able to bring back our previous morning snack routine **after Fall Break**. Thank you for your patience as the school figured this situation out. Beginning after Fall Break, you will no longer have to pack your child a morning (AM) snack. The snack assignment will be sent out this upcoming week so that families will know what to send during their assigned week.
- **Fall Break-** During the week of 10/09-10/13, the school will be in Fall Break. This means that students with an EXTENDED DAY, ACADEMIC DAY, and HALF DAY contract will remain home. The school is open for ALL DAY contracts but there will be no instruction as all lead teachers will be on break as well. The students will be in their classrooms and will have fun fall-themed things to work with and other fun activities. There will be NO PIZZA served during Fall Break since not all the students will be attending. My assistants will be alternating days (they have the opportunity to take a break as well), so someone familiar will be with our students.
- **Extra Clothes-** If your child is sent home with soiled clothes in a bag, please remember to only send the article of clothing marked on the "WOOPS" slip attached to their bag of soiled clothes. The bins we use to store their clothes are not very large and if we have too many shirts, for example, it leave little room for the clothing we do need.



There is more to the skill of reading than knowing letter sounds and blending them together. I am often asked what can be done at home to support reading skills. My response is:

1. Be sure your child is a sensitive period for it. If they show a lot of interest in the moment, take advantage of it and do reading-related activities/games at home. If your child appears uninterested, it could simply mean that they are not ready YET. Learning to read should be an enjoyable experience, not forced.
 2. You do not and should not need to buy the Montessori materials I use in class. If all the material used at home looks exactly like all of the material in school, then school becomes less interesting.
 3. Turn regular games into language/reading games. If you play "I Spy", spy on the sounds of an object. You could say "I spy something that starts with the sound /p/".
- BONUS: For math skills, if your child likes to pretend to shop with their toys, then put sticky notes with numbers as "price tags" (without the dollar sign) and then have your child bring that much "money" to buy the item (the "money" could be beads or beans, anything that they can count).

I am a HUGE fan of the resources provided by one of my favorite Montessorians, Marissa Frisk. She wrote a short blog about reading that I feel would be a great read for anyone wanting to learn a bit more about how reading is learned in our classrooms. She also has printable material that you can use at home for purchase. Click on the link below to read:

<https://www.missymontessori.com/blog/2022/11/12/my-montessori-reading-resource>

I also have an AT HOME RESOURCES tab on my classroom website for more tips.

<http://missmariavasquez.weebly.com>

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Week of 10/02/23-10/06/23

Parent's Night Out!

MS. MARIA'S CLASS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT 5:30PM

BLANCO TACOS + TEQUILA - BILTMORE FASHION PARK
2502 E. CAMELBACK RD. #122 PHOENIX, AZ 85016

PLEASE RSVP TO ZEINA REINBOLDT BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
(602)686-4663 OR ZEINAREINBOLDT@GMAIL.COM

IMPORTANT DATES

October 4th - 6th Wednesday - Friday - Middle School Land Lab 1

October 9th - 13th, Monday - Friday FALL BREAK!

October 17th - Tuesday - Picture Makeups

October 18th - Wednesday - Vision and Hearing Screening

October 24th - Tuesday - Peter Piper Pizza Dine Out for Villa

October 27th - Friday - Early Release 11:30 AM, Infants and Toddlers Closed ALL DAY

October 28th - Saturday - Trunk or Treat 4PM - 8PM Villa Elementary Field

October 30th - November 3rd Monday - Friday Scholastic Book Fair

November 2nd - Thursday - Middle School Intro Night

November 7th - Tuesday - E1 Intro Night

November 10th - Friday - School Closed in honor of Veteran's Day

November 15th - Wednesday - PTO Gratitude Breakfast

November 16th - Thursday - Vision & Hearing Testing - Makeups

November 16th - Thursday - E3 Intro Night

November 22nd - 24th - Wednesday - Friday - ALL SCHOOL CLOSED for Thanksgiving Recess