



# OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



## School Calendar

- Oct. 1 Tuition Payment Due
- Oct. 5 Mandatory Parent Meeting & Potluck & Board of Directors Election @ 6:30PM
- Oct. 7 Sharing Day
- Oct. 11 Board Meeting @ 7:30PM
- Oct. 21 Teacher In-Service Day – [School Closed for Students](#)
- Oct. 31 Halloween Sharing



You may have noticed new faces in the Villa classrooms. Please extend a warm welcome back to Mrs. Mohnhaupt who returns to Villa as a volunteer in the classroom twice per week. Mrs. Mohnhaupt comes to us from Germany with a background in math.

We also extend a warm welcome to new Montessori teacher, Mrs. Nair, who comes to us with 8 years of Montessori experience prior to joining Villa's staff.

## Mandatory Parent Meeting & Board of Directors Elections & Potluck

Parents, Board of Directors, Please mark your calendars and join the Villa staff for a mandatory parent meeting and potluck on **Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM** in the meeting room in Building D at New Life Church.



**At least one parent from each family must attend.**

During this mandatory parent meeting, we will be electing parents to fill various board positions. Please note that no

childcare will be provided during this time. You will need to make other childcare arrangements.

The evening will start with the potluck. We will have a special guest, Pastor Chris Hoch, of New Life Church will introduce himself and tell us about the Church programs that are available. We will then hold our Board elections.

Please use the sign-up sheet posted near the school office to let us know how many in your family will attend (2/family limit due to space constraints) and what potluck item you will bring. This event is for parents only.

## Halloween Sharing

On October 31, 2016, the students will have an opportunity to share their Halloween costumes. Please have your child bring their costumes to school and write their name on the bag. The teachers will help them change into their costumes. We will open the doors 20 minutes earlier before dismissal time, and parents are welcome to join the children on the playground to take photos.



## Parent Reminders

Please make every effort to keep the gates to the playground shut. If you open it, please make sure you shut it behind you. If you see it open, please help and shut it. Thank you for keeping our children safe!

As the weather starts to get colder, more of the children will be wearing jackets and sweaters. **Please label everything!** Put your child's name on sweaters, coats, jackets, hats, boots, bags, lunch boxes, food containers, backpacks, umbrellas, snacks, water bottles, etc.

If your child keeps extra clothes at the school, please swap summer warmer weather clothing for clothes appropriate for the fall/winter months. You can exchange the clothes at any time.

### **Birthday Celebrations**

Villa Montessori celebrates the students' birthdays with a special Montessori celebration. Per the school's policy, we are not allowed to serve snacks and treats provided by the parents due to dietary restrictions. If you would like to provide a goody bag, please remember to prepare it for the entire school. There are 40 children present at dismissal.

### **Parent Alert**

During the period between Halloween and New Year's, more food and goodies are around to tempt young children. Prevent accidental choking by checking all toys for loose pieces and remove marbles, small barrettes, balloons, plastic bags, and jacks from a small child's possession. Hard candy, unpopped popcorn kernels, unshelled peanuts, candy bars with nuts and anything with small bones should not be given to small children.



### **Teacher's Corner**

The first six weeks is traditionally a sensitive time in the Montessori classroom when new children are acquainting themselves with the rules and routine of school. Returning children are also settling themselves into a slightly different framework in the new class. We spend this time getting to know each other and concentrating on a smoothly running class with as few



interruptions as possible.

At Villa, we utilize Montessori Compass, an online Montessori record keeping and parent communication software, to record and share your child's progress with you. Your child's monthly activity report will provide a brief description of the curriculum and what your child has been doing in the classroom. We will also share photos of the classroom and your child with you.

In early October you will receive an email from Villa Montessori staff via Montessori Compass inviting both parents to join. Please check your email for this invitation and be sure to join. You will be able to view your child's periodic progress reports through this program. Villa teachers will send an email when these reports are updated.



For the curriculum starting in October, we focus our topics chosen by the teachers that hopefully will be of interest to the children. The developmental stages of the students in the classroom are taken in consideration. Individual goals are set by the staff for each child, appropriate for his/her level.

Here is what we are doing with your children:



### **Room 1**

#### **AM Class**

Our students in AM Room 1 have been introduced to school ground rules as well as practical life and sensorial jobs. As we continue to focus on these lessons in the month of October, we will begin our cultural curriculum with the lessons "My family and I" and "My friend and I". We will learn and discuss about family composition and relationship with friends. After that, we will transition into lessons

learning about the five senses. The first sense that will be introduced will be the sense of hearing.

### **PM Class**

In the month of October, the afternoon children in Room 1 will continue to work with the sensorial materials in order to attain pre-math and pre-language skills. This will help children develop concentration, coordination, order, independence and self-confidence. Our theme for the month of October will be "Nutrition". Children will explore "MyPlate" which is the current nutrition guide published by the United States Department of Agriculture aiming to help children eat healthy.

As a friendly reminder, October 7th is Sharing Day. We encourage children to bring family pictures, picture of themselves, favorite fruits and vegetables or pictures that they have drawn and art projects that they have done.

### **Room 2**

Room 2 students are normalized. They know the routine and settle down very well. It is nice to see children are busy working inside and busy playing outside. Many of the new children made friends.

In the month of October, we will continue focusing on ground rules, practical life and sensorial materials. We will start our cultural subjects with the lesson of My Family and I, and then we will transition to lessons about the five senses. The first sense that will be introduced is the sense of hearing and followed by taste and smell.

October 7<sup>th</sup> is our sharing day. We recommend your child to bring a book, picture or craft that is related to our topic in October.



### **Music Corner**

The children are learning new songs, and we wanted to

share the song lyrics with you. We hope you enjoy listening to your children as much as we do!

### **The Seasons Song**

Autumn, winter, spring and summer,  
These are the seasons of the year. (Repeat)  
Doo doo doo doo  
These are the seasons of the year. (Repeat)

### **Black Cat**

Black Cat, black cat looking for a witch;  
All around the night is dark as pitch;  
You can see because your eyes are green;  
Black cat, black cat, it is Halloween; Boo!



### **Autumn Leaves**

Autumn leaves are now falling  
Red and yellow and brown  
Autumn leaves are now falling  
See them fluttering down  
Tralala la la la la  
Tralala la la la  
Tralala la la la la  
Tralala la la la

### **Old Mrs. Witch**

Old Mrs. Witch  
Old Mrs. Witch  
Tell me how you fly  
Tell me how you fly  
I fly on my broomstick up in the sky



Old Mrs. Witch  
Old Mrs. Witch  
Tell me what you do  
Tell me what you do  
I fly on my broomstick and I scare you. Boo!