



Children's House Montessori School

DeLand, Florida

Newsletter October 2020

A Message from the Head of School

Dear Children's House Community,

October was a rich month here at Children's House. The classes were all busy with their regular school work, and were creating things for the virtual silent auction as well. With so much to fit in already, I really appreciate the teachers taking the time to have their students create the things they did. The auction was our first all school event this year, and while it wasn't something we could gather together for, we really had fun! We have continued to get some donations, and are now at a total of \$3419 raised during this event.

Thank you to all who attended the Parent Education Nights! These events are a great opportunity to find out more about the Montessori method. Please page 9 for a little bit about some math materials used in the classrooms.

We are 53 school days into the school year, and I am so pleased to share that we have not had any cases of COVID-19 in our community. I am so impressed with the teachers and students for keeping our community safe. I continue to be thankful that our parent community is being so supportive, and keeping the children home when they aren't feeling well. I know this can be very hard on our working parents, and I appreciate your cooperation.

We ended the month with some Halloween fun! While very subdued in comparison to other years, the students had fun in their classrooms. They were, however, feeling disappointed that they were not able to see the costumes of the students in other classrooms. We had a very impromptu parade in the parking loop. The classes all came out and one class at a time walked so the others could see their costumes.

We are looking forward to a great November ahead!

Take good care,
Ms. Kelly



How wonderful it is
that nobody need wait
a single moment
before starting to
improve the world.

~Anne Frank



Calendar Events for November

Wed Nov 11 - Closed in observance of Veteran's Day

Wed Nov 18-20 - Usborne Book Fair

- Wed & Thu - Students can look at the books and make a wish list.
- Fri - Parents can purchase any books available in person and order any that are not available that day.

Fri Nov 20 - Thanksgiving Celebration in School.

Fri Nov 20 - Half Day, 11:30 Pick Up

Mon Nov 23 - Fri Nov 27 - Closed in observance of Thanksgiving



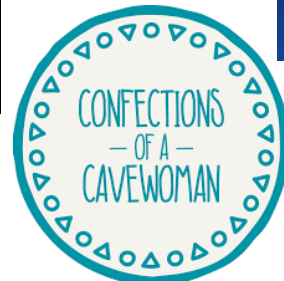


Silent auction thank you.

As a small, private school we rely heavily on our family and friends. This year, under the umbrella of the pandemic, we are faced with many more challenges than a normal school year. Thank you for donating. Thank you for sharing our silent auction posts. Thank you for participating in our silent auction in whatever way you did. A large thank you also goes out to the teachers for taking time out of their busy schedules to facilitate the wonderful class projects!

To all of you, we thank you.

- Children's House Montessori School Board
- Chelsea Conard of Bodhi + Sol
- Katie DelBuono of Johnny Rotten's Tobacco and Smoke Shop
- Joe DelBuono of Hold Fast Tattoo and Body Piercing
- Bob and Peggy Fitzsimmons
- The Croce family
- Morgan Beattie of Confections of a Cavewoman
- Chase and Jessica Clarke of Deltran USA LLC
- Vicki Duckett at Happy Brain Neurofeedback LLC
- Shirley Beattie
- Sharon Pitts
- Dani Fitzsimmons
- Christopher and Mercedes Jordan of Jordan Health Clinic and Day Spa
- Kim White and Bridget Pepe of Two Crafting Moms LLC
- Solly Williams and Skydive DeLand
- All staff and students



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Toddler with Ms. Tashira and Ms. Morgan

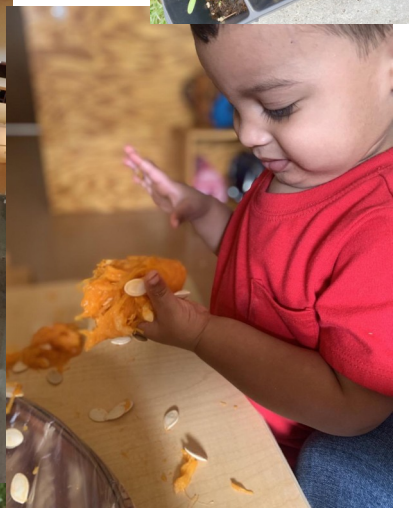
During this month we've been studying water animals. We also worked on our numbers and colors. While in the garden we planted marigold seeds, and they have already sprouted! We had an exciting field trip to the woods behind our school. During this trip we looked for sticks and brown leaves to make a bat for our Halloween decorations.



< — Jack



Follow the child, but follow the child as his leader.
- Maria Montessori



Primary with Ms. Amy and Ms. Cory

October was a very busy month in the primary classrooms. Everyone has received many new lessons and we continued our studies of the continents, oceans, and seas. The children are beginning to learn about North America. We read books about Florida, the Everglades, and the Gulf of Mexico. This month we will further our study of North America and the culture. Ms. Cory is working with the children in language, including phonic sounds, blends, and consonants / vowels. She is introducing the literary elements such as character, setting, fiction, and nonfiction. We look forward to another great month!



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“Young people, when informed and empowered, when they realize that what they do truly makes a difference, can indeed change the world.”

-Jane Goodall

What's Growing in the Garden?

All the flowers
Of all the tomorrow
Are in the seeds of today.
- Chinese proverb

The Primary students have been busy tending to our vegetable garden. Along with weeding and watering, the students planted green bell peppers, onions, and yard long beans. Our tomatoes and herbs are doing well. To add a bit of color to our vegetable garden, some of the students planted sunflower plants.

We continued to observe the tadpoles. They are growing and changing. Five tadpoles turned into adult frogs! The students enjoy adding spinach leaf bits to the habitat to feed the tadpoles.

Some of our bushes and trees required trimming and the students helped with that.

As always, BunBun and the chickens require a lot of care. Students filled the feeders and made sure they all had water. Bella, our Easter Egger hen, and Betty, our Barred Rock hen are still laying eggs. Our other hens have taken a break from laying to focus on molting and growing new feathers for winter.

Along with caring for our domestic animals, students care for the squirrels and birds. Filling the bird feeders with birdseed and the squirrel feeder with corn is a fun garden activity.

The students also decorated a corn hole game with their handprints for the silent auction.



The Lower Elementary students also had a very busy month in their garden. The students prepared our herb and vegetable gardens for planting. Among the herbs planted were rosemary, dill, parsley, oregano, mint, and sage. Tomatoes and green bell peppers were planted in the vegetable garden. A big thank you to Ms. Dora Mallett for providing us with soil, Black Kow and herbs! We look forward to watching them grow.

Our garden was in need of some trimming, so students trimmed the hedges by the trellis and the banana trees by the school entrance.

Students continued studying the plant life cycle by observing and recording changes in their kidney bean plants. It was a very exciting day when the students were able to take their kidney bean plants home.

Even with so much going on in the garden, students were able to create steppingstones that were donated to the silent auction.



Lower Elementary with Ms. Princess and Ms. Nikki



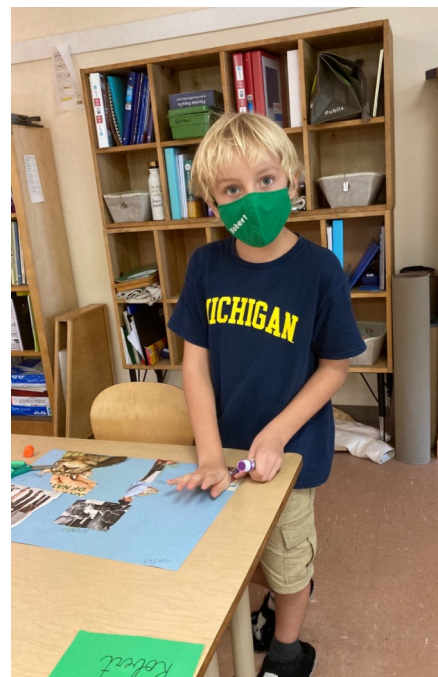
We had a live virtual tour with the Marine Science Center. We met and learned about a rescued box turtle named Kringle. We wrote thank you letters to the Marine Science Center.

As a class, we each painted a planet on a chair for the Silent Auction. This project was a lot of fun!

We wrote Halloween reports then presented them to the class. We learned a lot of new things about the Historical portrayals.

We had a lesson on Rip Art. We made many different Halloween pictures just by ripping pieces of paper. We enjoyed making some scary and not so scary Halloween art by using our imagination and pieces of paper.

By Lily and Robert

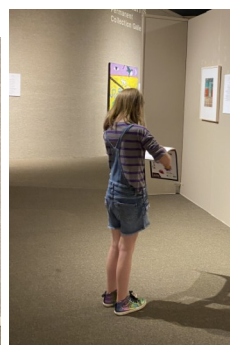


Lower Elementary with Ms. Patsy and Ms. Kalie

WOW, October is gone!

It was a busy month in our classroom. We were getting ready for the silent auction. We are so grateful for the support of those who bid on our art pieces! Third-year had the opportunity to visit the DeLand Museum of Art to get inspired for the auction chair. They were in charge of the whole process, including planning the field trip, writing the permission slip, designing the chair, choosing the materials, and painting the chair. First and second-year worked pouring primary colors on a canvas.

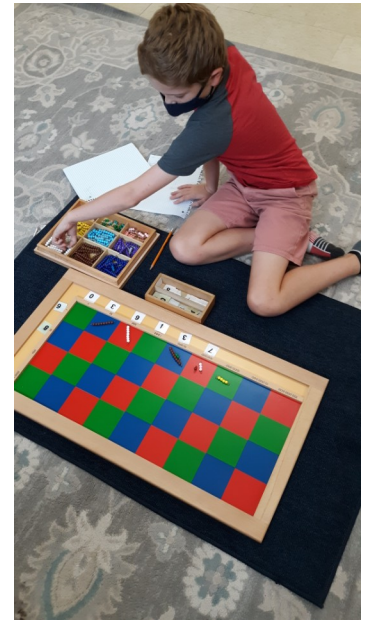
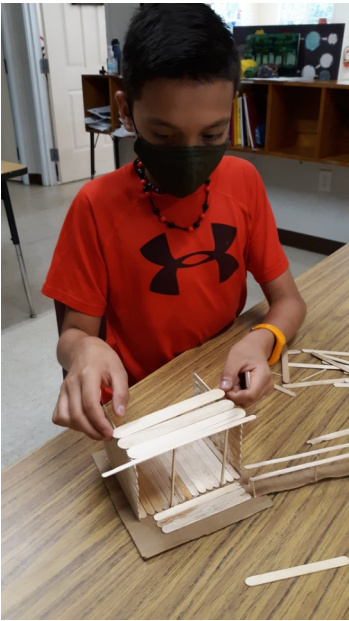
The study of angles, fractions, decimal fractions, nouns, prepositions, cities, capitals, and reports on North American countries have all been part of this past month's work.



Upper Elementary with Mr. Keegan

Upper elementary students have been studying the rotation of the earth, time zones and they are currently reading The Hatchet by Gary Paulsen. For Halloween they researched a historical figure and wrote a report. Mrs. Clark has joined the classroom this month and is working with the students on angles of various triangles and binomial numbers. In science and art with Ms.

Diane they have been studying the life cycle of a star and black holes. There also is a new addition to the classroom, Jacques, a white winter dwarf hamster. The students are fundraising to add features/structures to Jacques's cage. If anyone has any unwanted small animal equipment please let us know. The boys are sewing yarn creations such as God's eyes and bookmarks and will be selling these between \$.50 and \$5.

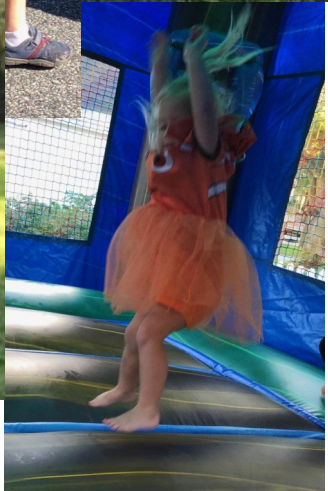
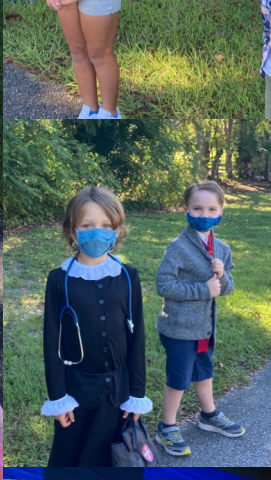


Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.
- Maya Angelou

Yoga with Ms. Sunny



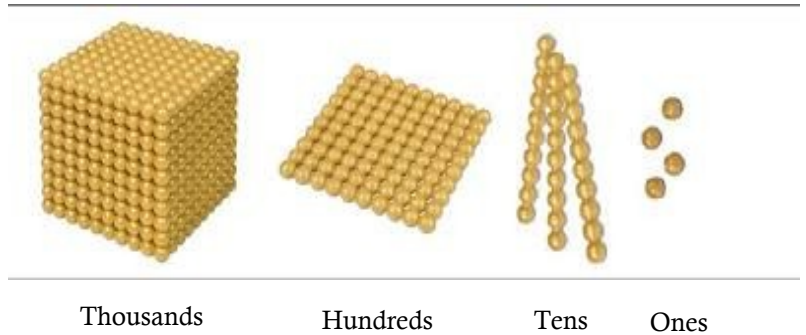
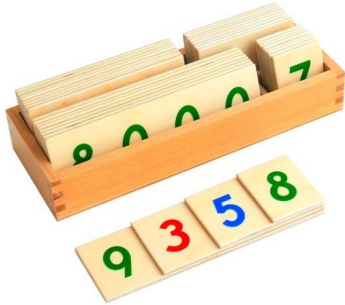
Halloween Fun



“When we treat children’s play as seriously as it deserves, we are helping them to feel the joy that’s to be found in the creative spirit.”
-Fred Rogers

Montessori Education, Mathematics

The Golden Beads are a Montessori math material that you may have heard about at home. There are a variety of concepts that Golden Beads are used for. For example, the child can make a number with the number cards to see how it is written, then use the beads to see what that number looks like in quantity by getting the hundred squares and ten bars.



After they have mastered the first portion, the child will progress through the other concepts attached to this material. They will use it for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Introduced in the Primary environment, the Binomial Cube is in the Sensory area of the classroom. It's used to explore cubes, prisms, patters, and structure. In the Elementary environments, the Binomial and Trinomial Cubes are used as a math material. The children learn to deconstruct the cube, first the Binomial, followed by the Trinomial, then put it back together. The blocks are color coded and different sizes to represent algebraic formulas. While this is a math material, the students are really learning concepts to prepare them for math they will be doing later.

The student is shown, through demonstration, to systematically deconstruct, then reconstruct each cube. There is a diagram on the lid that children can use to help them when they first start. However, the cube itself assists because if it is not put together properly, it will not form a perfect cube.

