



April Newsletter 2018

Here is a favorite song to help all our international students to feel more at ease at school. Each family contributes their own country's greeting.

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Some favorites so far have been, "Hola mi amigo", " Bon jour mon ami", "Halo mein freund", and "Anyan ting u" (South Korea).

Music and the part of Montessori's curriculum called Social Graces go hand in hand.

As the school year draws to a close, there is talk among the older children about what comes next at "big school". Visit the next school before making the change. Assure your child that Montessori school always welcomes return visits. Let your child know that new friends are waiting, but old friends will still be in touch. Many of our Montessori families stay in touch for years by attending park play dates. This time of anticipated change can cause stress and worry for children as well as for parents. Remember, if you are concerned that your child won't be ready for regular school, conferences are available with an appointment. Get in touch with Ms Karen to schedule yours. The third and last VPK assessments will soon be given. A report is then generated to show each child's progress. Make plans to continue practicing skills all summer long to ensure a good start in kindergarten.

Important Dates:

Picture Day is Thursday, April 12. Class photos and individual portraits will be done by Nicole Myhre. All children are photographed. Orders are taken after the proofs come back.

This is an outside event. In case of rain, it will be held the next morning, April 13 at 9:00.

Graduation is Thursday, May 31 from 9:00-10:00. All students receive a certificate even if they have just joined our school and are coming back the next day. No child is left out. Afternoon VPK children also graduate in the morning and then may return for their last day, May 31, of VPK. Graduation is an outside event. In case of rain it will be rescheduled for Friday, June 1.

(This part you may want to check with the corporation). On the calendar it states the last day is May 30 for all students which means AM and Extended Day, however we are having graduation on May 31 due to the make up day. So everyone's last day should be May 31. FULL DAY STUDENTS ONLY ON JUNE 1. Camp begins on June 4 for those registered.

Students who wish to attend Summer Camp must enroll now. Enrollment is also open to the public for all classes. Return your forms right away.