

## Children's Circle Montessori

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## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TODDLER



With a great big smile, Zachary eagerly comes to school, ready to start the day. Soon to follow, Lukas comes in and promptly hangs up his coat, puts away his hat and any other clothing he's brought to school. He puts on his crocs and heads up to the lunch table. Francis is just finishing putting her lunch on a plate and placing it in the refrigerator.

Mia is already working with language solids - she is so verbal and is so attracted to this area. Isabella is helping younger students pick up their work.

Charlie has learned to lean his head away from the shelves as he puts away his work to avoid bumping his head. Jack loves to sit in the teacher's lap between work activities. We have many affectionate children who like to hug the teachers. Seth is a great hugger!



About mid-morning, we have story time. Kailyn is one of the first ones to sit to listen. This precedes snack. It's Braeden's turn to pass out napkins as the teachers pass out the snacks.

After snack, we sing songs at line time. Anna does a little wiggle to the beat as we sing. It is obvious that she enjoys the music! This activity helps to keep the children busy during transitioning to get ready to go outside. Gavin gets his coat and other gear on and quietly comes back to the line to sing while others get ready. When all the children are clothed for outside, I call their name to go out with Kristin and Kendra. Corvin is always ready to race trucks on the playground.

Around 11:40, we trickle in a few children at a time. Holden is taking off his boots and is putting his coat on the hook. He puts his hat and mittens in his box and waits for the bathroom. Marlene sings with the children who are done putting away their clothing and doing bathroom checks.



Lunch is a great time to work on language. Jaxson pronounces pineapple as "zapples". Cate is learning to perfect using utensils, sometimes missing her mouth. After lunch, the children put their lunch items away and bring their lunch boxes down to the shelf by the bathrooms. We proceed doing bathroom checks again and the children carry their nap baskets to their sleeping mats. With soft music playing in the background, the teachers sit with the children until they fall asleep. It is so awesome to see how quickly they all go to sleep!

The afternoon repeats the morning cycle until parents pick up their child. What a great day we had!



## MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

**Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>:**

SCHOOL CLOSED—Staff planning / work day

**End of March:**

Parent Teacher Conferences will be setup

**Friday, April 10th AND Monday, April 13th:**

SCHOOL CLOSED—Spring Break (Easter)

## SHRINE CIRCUS COUPONS

The school has received coupons for the Shrine Circus 2009. The circus will be held Wednesday, March 18 through Sunday, March 22nd. The coupon may be brought to the Pershing Center and may be exchanged for a reserved seat ticket. The coupon is good for children 12 years and under. If you would like any of the coupons, please ask a staff member. They will be available at both buildings. You may request as many as 4 per family--but remember they can only be used for children.

## NOTES OF INTEREST

- We are enjoying the new carpet installed at 130 Skyway Road. If your child attends that building be sure to check it out.
- It is time for me to renew our subscriptions to Tomorrow's Child. I would like to know if parents take the time to read the articles in the magazine. Is it helpful to you as a parent? Or--be honest--do you just toss it without looking at it? Send me an email and let me know the positives and/or negatives. There is a cost involved with the magazine so I would like to know if it is going to a good cause!
- This is the cold and flu season. We are doing what we can at school to minimize the spread of colds and coughs--washing hands frequently (both staff and children), wiping noses (using hand sanitizer gel after helping each child), showing the children how to wipe their noses, wash hands and cough (into the sleeve is the preferable method), and spraying with disinfectant items that can be put in the mouth (most often in the Primary 1 building). You can help by keeping your child at home when they are most ill. We realize coughs and colds are going to happen and you can't keep your child home every day--but when they are really miserable they shouldn't be at school. They certainly should be excluded when they have a fever of 100 degrees or more, and they should be without a fever for 24 hours before returning.
- Parents can also help (but are not required to do so) by donating the following items.  
**Primary 1:** Facial tissues, disinfectant wipes, Lysol spray disinfectant  
**Primary 2:** Facial tissues and hand sanitizer gel
- Also, please be sure your child has extra clothes at the school. Even the older children should have a change of clothes in case of spills in the practical life area or at lunch. If you are not sure if your child has a change at school, please ask a staff member to check for you.

Montessori Quote for February...

"The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist.""

~ Maria Montessori

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

### February:

Ella Prochnow	11 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Jack Ohler	23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday
Zachary Dziuvenis	26 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday

## WELCOME!

Congratulations to you all! Birthdays are such fun!!

### Primary 1:

...to Lars Gallagher, son of Lars Gallagher and Andrea Volkman, to our Primary 1 community

Ask the staff for suggestions for a birthday book for your child to present to the school in honor of their birthday. Put a picture of your child in the front or back of the book with the date given. When we read the book in the future we will all be reminded of him/her!

## Spotlight on Kendra Singleton

**I grew up:** in Lincoln and have lived here my whole life.

**My family:** I have been blessed with an amazing family whom I'm very close to. My parents Steve and Deidre have been married for 25 years. I have one older sister named Dani, who has been married for two years and is expecting her first child this month!

**My hobbies:** Spending time with my family, friends, and boyfriend Shane. I also love reading, watching movies, and water sports.

**My education:** on March 20th I will graduate from Southeast Community College with an Associates degree in Human Services!

**How I came to Children's Circle:** I love being with children, so I decided to do a clinical here for school. I really enjoyed my experience and working in a Montessori classroom. I'm very excited for my opportunity to be employed here!

