

July Newsletter

Montessori School
of Aberdeen 2011

As of this month, we are officially a state certified school.

The Montessori School of Aberdeen is now recognized by the South Dakota State Department of Education as a certified private school. Our Montessori school curriculum meets the curriculum standards set by our state for Kindergarten, as well as early childhood standards. We will be adding specific information on meeting the curriculum standards to our website.

With our new certification, we will be needing to update our information forms. You will be receiving the 2011-2012 registration forms to be completed and returned with your child's current immunization form and a birth certificate. Please return before August 1st.

Thank you in advance!

Starting Dates:

New student start date: Monday, August 29th

All student start date: Thursday, Sept. 1st

New student

Leigha Osborn will be starting school with us on Monday July 11th. Leigha is the daughter of Ashley Johnson and George Osborn. Welcome to our school Leigha!



The trip to the fire station



Bike Parade

Our Summer Fun Program has been a great adventure – we have ventured into the month of July with more fun in the sun. In addition to all the areas of our curriculum we study inside, there is a whole world outside the classroom to explore and learn about. You will see from the additional photos at the end of the newsletter that it has definitely been a summer of fun at Montessori. Remember – if you have vacation plans you may still enroll for Summer Fun by the week! It's not too late to join us!

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Thanks!

To all the drivers who helped us transport the children to the field trips.

To Nicole for providing the weaving activity for the children.

To Ioana for sharing the European pizza making activity with the children.

To all the families that brought food for our end of June grill out! (Nicole's recipe for her Spring Pineapple Relish is on the back of the newsletter!)

DR. MARIA MONTESSORI QUOTE

Education is a natural process carried out by the human individual and is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment.

Calendar of Events

Brown County Landfill	Thursday July 7 th
Story Book Land performance	Tuesday July 12 th
Fishing at Wylie Lake	Tuesday July 12 th
Trip to be announced	Friday, July 22 nd
Family Picnic/Swim Day	Friday, July 29 th

And more dates to remember

Fall Registration Due	Monday, Aug 1 st
New Student Start Date	Monday, Aug 29 th
All Student Start Date	Thursday, Sept 1 st

Compost Needed Send in egg shells, coffee grounds, vegetable & fruit scraps to be added to our school compost pile. We must replenish what we used for our garden!



Story book land performers come to our school



Coen and Alice introduce, SOPHIE, their dog.



Petting zoo at Wylie



Father's Day breakfast



Our baby chicks and ducklings have GROWN



Making pizzas with Ioana



Trip to the downtown fire station

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Nicole's Spring Pineapple Relish

Won Tons:

Either make won tons into cups by placing into muffin tin & spraying with oil

Or

Lay flat on cookie sheet and spray with oil.

Broil for a few minutes.

For the dressing:

- 1 tsp. grated lime zest
- 2 Tbs. lime juice
- 2 Tbs. olive oil
- 1 or 1 ½ red pepper flakes
- Dash of salt
- Dash of pepper

For the salad:

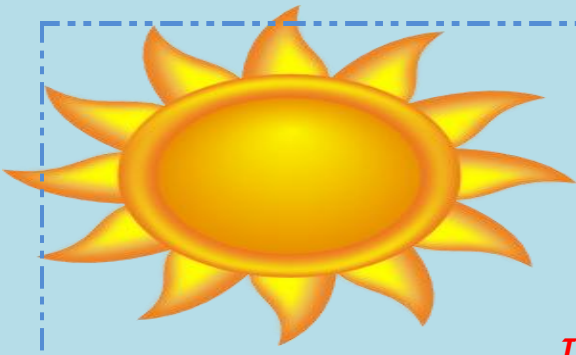
- 3 stalks of celery, chopped
- 1 pineapple, chopped
- 2 Tbs. finely chopped cilantro
- 2 jalapenos, chopped
- 4 scallions, chopped

Optional:

Canned crabmeat or lump crabmeat

Variations:

Black beans may be added or try swapping mango for pineapple, mint for cilantro.



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JULY SUMMER FUN PROGRAM

WEEK ONE

4TH OF JULY FUN
CAMPING
TENTING FUN
S'MORES
ICE CREAM MAKING
FLAG MAKING
WATER FUN – SPLASH DAY

WEEK TWO

RECLYING/COMPOSTING
TRIP TO BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL
WORMS ARE OUR FRIENDS
SORTING RECYCLABLES
BRING SOME COMPOST TO SCHOOL.

WEEK THREE

FISH TYPES OF FISH/SALT WATER/FRESH WATER
TYPES OF BAIT
HABITATS
WYLIE PARK FISHING FUN FIELD TRIP

WEEK FOUR

WATER
WET LANDS
WET LANDBIRDS & ANIMALS
SINK & FLOAT
MAKE A BOAT/RAFT

WEEK FIVE

SPORTS WEEK
JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE VARIOUS SPORTS
CROQUET
BASKET BALL/BASEBALL
BADMINTON/TENNIS
GOLF
SOCCER
BOWLING
SWIMMING
END OF SUMMER FUN

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