

Montessori Monthly

Springs to Life

By: Alexander Gueth and Aryn Huffman

Welcome to the first issue of "Montessori Monthly", the newspaper written and created by the middle school of Montessori! We are excited to introduce this new project, where we are practicing interviewing and writing skills. On the same topic as practicing skills, we would like to let you learn a little about what middle school is currently working on during the school day! Middle school is learning about European explorers in social studies and types of energy during science. We experimented with making a house to see who can make the warmest room in any of the houses. We are making a roller coaster based on gravity and mechanical energy out of cardstock, cardboard, and tape as well. We had a campfire day, where we shared our scary stories that we had been writing for a little over a month. We got to enjoy popcorn, s'more cups, and got to bring blankets/sleeping bags, pillows, pajamas, and stuffed animals. In math, we had a glow day where we played math games in the dark with black lights, glow sticks, and glow in the dark dice.

We have been doing tasks for our independent work cycle, which is a time when we work on assigned work and choice tasks in math, science, social studies, and ELA. We are reading the book Esperanza Rising, where we had the chance to try papaya! We are doing an Olympic Reading Challenge, where we advance to different levels depending the number of books and genres we read. On November 18th, we had a First Thanksgiving Feast day, where we dressed up and ate food. After, we enjoyed an escape room created by one of our own! Middle school is a great place to be!



Word of the month gobbledygook

"language that is meaningless or is made unintelligible by excessive use of abstruse technical terms; nonsense." - Google

The Good, Giving, Ginkgo Tree

By: Sarah-Grace M. and Madison Beltz

The ginkgo tree has been an important part of the Montessori School of Wooster for many years, even though it is just a tree. The ginkgo tree sheds its leaves for two hours. Kids and teachers have made amazing memories from playing and looking at the gorgeous tree. We interviewed two middle schoolers about what they thought of the tree, Caleb, a 6th grader and Kevaria, a 5th grader. Both students said that they loved having leaf wars. A leaf war is when you grab leaves and throw them at your classmates. It is a fun way to have a friendly competition, but not hurt anyone.



Although the tree is gorgeous, the seeds have a stinky smell, but the tree itself does not have any bad smell. Caleb and Kevaria both agreed that they dislike the smell of the seeds. The ginkgo nut is a seed, and the seeds are sold in Korea, Japan and China. We do not know how old the tree is, but we do know that ginkgo trees can live up to 200 million years! The first ginkgo tree to live was between 245 and 60 million years ago. The tree has beautiful shaped leaves and they have a beautiful color. The colors of the leaves are green in the spring and summer, and the leaves in the fall are light orange. Every year we thank the beautiful ginkgo tree by playing with the leaves and taking photographs.





Middle Schoolers Sarah-Grace and Madison show off their pajamas

How to Wear Pajamas: A step by step guide

By: Nora Davis

The way to have the best pajama game is to go to the pajama store. When you are there, find the most fabulous, fuzzy, warm, cozy pajamas they have. Then try on at least 10 pairs of pajamas. After you have tried them on, buy your favorite pair. But what good are pajamas without slippers? So, you now have to go to the slipper store and get the biggest, fuzziest, silliest slippers.

Now that you have all your necessities, put on your fabulous, cozy pajamas and slippers. Then, wander around looking like a fuzzy, fabulous, warm and cozy ball of pajamas. Snuggle up next to a fire, sip hot chocolate, and read your favorite book. If you follow these easy steps, you will be a master of the art of pajama-wearing.

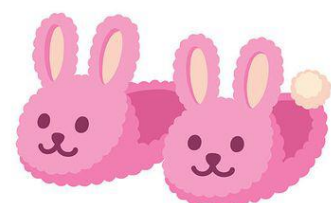
November Listicle: Why Pajamas Should be an Everyday Outfit to Wear to School

By: Hadassah Latimer

1. Students would enjoy the whole school day in our pajamas.
2. Of course the teachers would love it too.
3. You could sleep in because you wouldn't need to change into your everyday clothes.
4. They provide maximum comfort for you all day.
5. Wearing pajamas is honestly more comfortable for students.
6. Besides, wearing pajamas is just easier.
7. For some kids wearing pajamas makes it easier to learn.
8. Most students agree that pajamas are acceptable to wear to school.
9. Some students even say that pajamas may even be a better alternative for pants.
10. And look on the bright side, you will see what everyone's pajamas look like.



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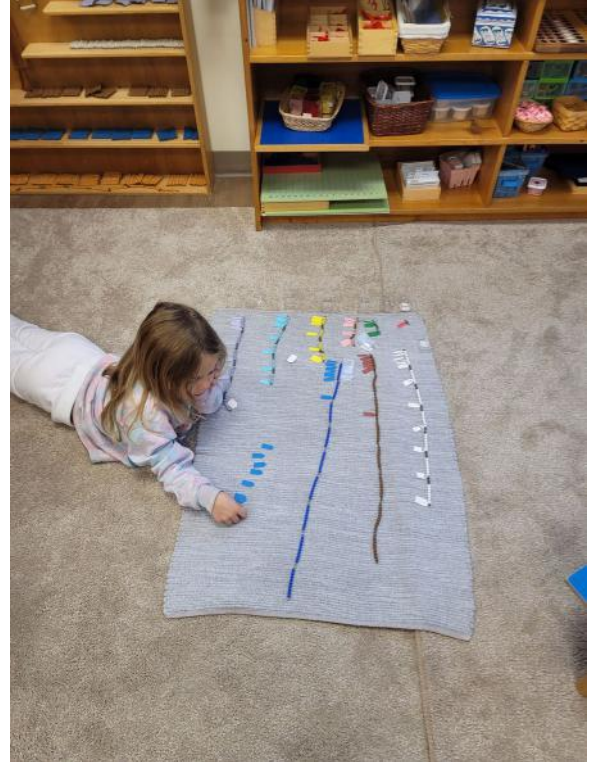
Classroom Spotlight

Classroom spotlight goes to Mrs. D and Mrs. Lanham's preschool and kindergarten class.

By: Adalynn Cutlip and Nora Davis

Mrs. D and Mrs. Lanham's class consists of kids from preschool to kindergarten. In their classroom, the teachers encourage independence in the children's education. With a variety of works like cutting and gluing to number beads, reading, and lots of artwork. The kids have a snack every day, where they learn basic life skills like peeling fruit and tying aprons. We asked the kids a variety of questions, such as what they were learning about? Their responses were spiders and pumpkins! We asked a few kids what their favorite thing to do in class was. Lillian told us, "The cat work." Jojo and Lucas told us, "Snack." Avery and Jade said the 5 Little Pumpkins story time was their favorite.

We also asked about their favorite continent. Samie's reply was Asia. Jojo and Lucas told us "The Red Continent" and "The White Continent". Ben told us about their field trip to Ramseyer Farms. He said his favorite parts were picking pumpkins and the wagon ride. This class was chosen for the classroom spotlight because they are hardworking and fun to interact with.



Kids Corner

By: Adalynn Cutlip and Nora Davis

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Word Bank:

Leopard
Cat
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Amur Leopard habitat. Photo courtesy of apesend.weebly.co



Cotton-top Tamarin habitat. Photo courtesy of a-z-animals.com

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Animals of the Month

Amur Leopard

There are only around 70 Amur Leopards in the wild. They are an endangered species and they live in southeastern Russia and northern China



Photo and facts courtesy of: worldwildlife.org

Cotton-top Tamarin

Here are some facts about this interesting animal! Their hair stands on end when they get excited. They get all their water from the foods they eat. They have long fingernails that can cut partway through trees. It is on the critically endangered list.



Photo and facts courtesy of: critterfacts.com and

Raptors for the Win

By: Curtis Briggs and Caleb Pycraft



This month at Montessori, we had a brilliant rounders game. Rounders is a baseball-like game where there are four bases and a pitcher in the middle for both teams. We use a tennis racket and a tennis ball. If you leave a base, you must run, so you can't lead from the base. Furthermore, you can't get someone out by tagging them; you must tag the base before they get there. The bases are made up from an area defined by four cones. For this month's game, there were two teams playing, team Raptor and team Dodo. Each team was trying their hardest to top the other team. The players on team Raptor were Preston, Teven, Jameson, Louis, Eva, and Morgan. The players on team Dodo were Wesley, Cole, Sophia, Lucy, Anna, Joy, and Josiah.

Team Raptor was up to bat first. The first batter, Preston, hit a massive hit to deep left to start off the game. Later in the game, at Preston's next bat, the bases were loaded and all pressure was on him. When the pitch came, Preston hit a booming drive right over second base which got him a spot on third for a triple. He also batted in three runs. Then, from team Raptor, there was a bombardment of singles, scoring them 28 points. As the game went on, it was Raptor batter Eva's turn. The pitch was thrown right over the middle of home base. Her hit went on for what seemed like forever. When the ball came down, Cole made a great diving grab, and threw it to third to get Louis out. As a result, the Dodo's earned a double play and got their turn to bat.

Sports Edition

The Dodo's first batter, Cole, walked to the plate. Cole smashed the ball to third but held to a very easy single. That is what the inning went like for the Dodo's, a lot of singles. But then Sophia came up to bat, who hit a good single to bring in Lucy. Wesley then hit a double for the Dodo's. His hit advanced everyone and resulted in his team scoring two points. Next, Lucy hit a single. Then Anna came up to bat and forced Sophia out. Josiah came up next and hit a single, scoring Wesley and Lucy. Wesley hit a single to third that advanced two players. Lucy came up for the most important hit of the game. The pitch came in and Lucy hit it near Teven, who ran under it to catch it. Then he ran home to tag and got the double play and the win. 28:17, Raptors win.

Following the game, players Preston and Wesley were asked how they felt about the game. Preston said he was excited about the win. Conversely, Wesley said his team could have played better together.

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