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Dayton Montessori Society News

“Education is a work of self-organization by which man adapts himself to the conditions of life.”

~ Dr. Montessori,

Congratulations to all of us for making it to the end of week 2 of the school year of adaptability! We have been so impressed with all of the students and how well they have adapted, both in-person and virtual. The in-person students are wearing their masks and sanitizing better than many adults I've seen and having a great time learning. The virtual students are learning the program like the tech generation they are.

We will keep posting all of our newsletters on the DMS website at www.DaytonMontessori.org.

Contact Us

Send a message through the website at www.DaytonMontessori.org or leave a message at 937-435-4572

September Hours

While school is in session, tours and conferences are by appointment only when students are not in the building. If you have payments, paperwork, or donations to drop off, you may use the drop box, shelves in the breezeway, or ring the bell.

Masks are required for
anyone entering the

Reminders

- Every student should bring a spill-proof water bottle to school to drink from to stay hydrated.
- Monday, October 5 is a Teacher Work Day. All students are off.
- **Arrival:** Please walk your child to within 6 feet of the staff member on the porch. We appreciate your help in maintaining distance between the staff and cars while also keeping the students safe.
- All adults picking up must wear a mask when exiting your car. Thank you!
- **Virtual Parents: Ms. Beverley's Office Hours** are listed on your schedule. Sign on to her normal class meeting ID to touch base about any question you might have during these times.

Sick Day Procedures

In-person: In the event that your child has symptoms on the list below, please keep them at home and call or email to report symptoms. If they develop symptoms throughout the day, we will call you to pick them up. If one sibling has symptoms and the other does not, please use your judgement or ask your doctor for guidance.

If your child has symptoms, please call your pediatrician and ask them for guidance. If they are assessed in office or virtually or tested for anything, ask for a Return to School note. Even if your child's symptoms seem to be fading, please ask a doctor whether you should bring them in or not before returning them to school.

Virtual and In-person: If your child has symptoms, stays home from school, but is well enough to do work, you should access the Seesaw program and work from home on that day. Virtual students may of course attend Zoom meetings with symptoms, but that will be up to the parent's judgement whether they are well enough to attend or need to stay in bed.

We realize that this is a challenging year and appreciate all of the steps everyone is taking to ensure the healthiest community possible.

Symptoms to stay home with: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, difficulty breathing, fatigue, body aches, loss of taste or smell.

Classroom Happenings

In-person 3-6 Students are all learning to fold laundry, so they can help you to do the laundry at home.

Virtual 3-6 students are working on color studies.

Elementary students virtual and in-person have been hearing the Great Lessons about the beginnings of the universe, Earth, and life on Earth.

All students have been introduced (or re-introduced) to the Lovelight concept, a term we use often to talk about feelings, as in "Helping you made my lovelight shine brightly," or "My lovelight is a little dim because I miss my friends." This is the first lesson of our Peace curriculum and is referenced often by students and teachers. We encourage you to use this language at home, too.

Social Time and Music Lessons

Email Ms. Mary if your child would like to sign up for Virtual Social Time on any of the following dates.

Monday, September 21 Theme: Scavenger Hunt: Ms. Mary's screen will show an item and everyone will go find the item in their house and show their friends.

Wednesday, September 23 Theme: Sculpture: Bring play-doh or something else to sculpt with. Show your friends as you create artwork.

Reminder: Zoom Music Classes with Ms. Erin are on every Tuesday at the following times for all students.

4:00-4:30 Group 1 PreK

4:30-5:00 Group 2

5:00-5:30 Group 3

Seesaw

If your child is accessing work on Seesaw for the first time, please be patient with them, yourself, and us. It will take time to learn the system. There are activities assigned specifically to practice turning in a work and sending a message to the teacher. In the beginning, we only want them to learn the procedures, just like in school. Please help them to send us a message through the app if they have a question (this can be done with text, voice, or video). We appreciate your help and patience as we all acclimate to this new way of working.

If you need a resend of your child's access code or have any questions at all for your child's teacher, please email them or Ms. Mary at the following addresses:

There are many YouTube videos to help beginner parents and students learn the Seesaw platform, like this one:

[Seesaw Tutorial for Parents](#)