# Monday Montessori Moments



Monday May 2, 2016

#### A Message from the Director:

As we head into this time of the school year, our thoughts begin to take us to warm places, where we can laugh and relax. Our students are still working diligently to progress through the curriculum and make the most of the time they spend at school. Please remember that we are still in the midst of SAGE testing and to prepare your child with a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast to help ensure their most optimal testing experience. Obviously, learning doesn't stop when a student leaves school for the day or for the summer.

Keep in mind the following tips to continue high levels of learning during summer vacation:

1. Foster the expectation that summer is a time for learning. Ask your child what he/she would like to learn over the summer. It's also helpful if you are a role model for learning. Discuss with your children what you plan on learning this summer.

- 2. Encourage reading by providing your children with plenty of books that interest them. Use school summer reading lists and library grade-level reading suggestions. Visit the library often and check out special summer events.
- 3. Understand that any topic of interest to your child can be a source of learning.
- 4. Car trips can evolve into math or geography lessons. Instead of the perennial kid question: "Are we there yet?" ask your children to estimate and calculate the travel time to a destination.
- 5. For social studies learning, make day trips to local historical sites in your area,
- 6. Let your child calculate what the change should be at stores, restaurants, and activities that require admission fees.
- 7. Try word games, including board games, such as Scrabble, and crossword puzzles and Sudoku to build vocabulary. Experiences.
- 8. Sharpen your child's math skills by playing games with him or her that require computation, such as Monopoly or dominoes.
- 9. Don't overlook the kitchen as a wonderful learning lab.
- 10. Inspire your children to write about their summer learning experiences.

We are gearing up for our last round of Parent/Teacher conferences. Be sure to check your specific teacher's blog to sign up for a time slot. There are numerous end of the year festivities happening this month, be sure to take note of all these important dates in this newsletter. Lastly, I want to thank all of the individuals that have helped make this school year a success. Our volunteers go above and beyond and we, as a school community, are so grateful.

May 3<sup>rd</sup>
SPED Parent Meeting @

6:30 May 5th

MAPA Meeting @ 7:00

May 6th

No School

May 9th-13th

Freshman Field Trip

May 16th

Dress as your favorite book character

May 17th

~Crazy Sock Day ~6<sup>th</sup> grade Dance 5:00-

7.00

May 18th

Crazy Hair/Hat Day

May 19th

~Pajama Day

~Spring Choir Concert 6:00-8:00

May 20th

~Field Day

~Half Day for 9th Grade

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~9<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 4:30

May 21st

9th Grade Prom

May 23rd

Kindergarten Bridging Ceremony 11:00-12:30

May 24th

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bridging Ceremony 10:30-11:30

May 25th

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bridging Ceremony 10:30-11:30

May 24th-26th

Early Out, PTC

May 26th

LAST DAY OF

### What's New at MMA?

# Maria Montessori Academy SPED Parent Night

Come and join us for an interactive "Round Robin Workshop" presented by Special Education staff at Maria Montessori Academy. We will offer 3 workshops lasting 20 minutes each for you to rotate through. Rachel Fields will present "The ABC's of IDEA"

Kat Lowe will present "Digesting the IEP"

Lora Dipoma will present "Positive Behavior Programming through Love and Logic"

Tuesday May 3rd, 2016 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Maria Montessori Academy 2505 N 200 E North Ogden, UT 84414

RSVP by signing up at this Wejoinin link:

<a href="https://wejoinin.com/sheets/cxuxy">https://wejoinin.com/sheets/cxuxy</a>

Contact Rachel Fields at rfields@mariamontessoriacademy for questions.

It's that time of year again that we get to...

# APPRECIATE OUR TEACHERS!

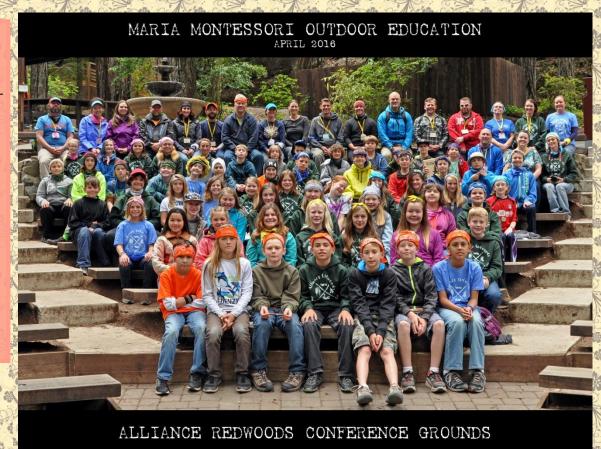
May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>

- MONDAY To begin the week it's best to start it
  with a smile! And what better way than to give
  your teacher a hi5 or a hug! Let them know just
  how much you appreciate them!
- TUESDAY Spring has sprung and the flowers smell so great and are so bright and happy! Pick a flower or draw a flower, and bring it to your teacher so we can make a bouquet to brighten up their day!
- WEDNESDAY Let's make a memory! Draw a
  picture or make a sculpture, anything that you can
  think of to make for your teacher to look at and see
  how much you appreciate them!
- THURSDAY It's Thirsty Thursday! Maybe find out your teacher's favorite drink and bring it to surprise them! Or grab a bottle of water or juice! But let's give them something to quench their thirst like they do ours for learning!
- No school FRIDAY! It's a perfect day to give our teachers a day off!

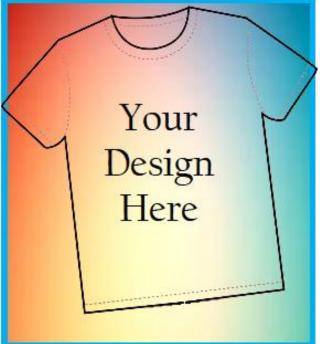
## Calling All 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents!

It's time to get ready for your child's trip to the Alliance Redwoods forest! There will be a meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the school library. This meeting will help you inform you of the first steps in preparing your student for their 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip.

Check out our 6<sup>th</sup> graders at the Redwoods in California!







All MMA students are invited to show off their amazing design talents by creating a one-of-a-kind MMA T-Shirt!

The winning design will appear on 2016-2017 MMA T-Shirts.

Entry Deadline: May 16th

to the office

#### T-Shirt Contest Rules

Computer design or drawing on 8 ½ X 11 Paper, name & grade on back.

Design must be in Black and White, please no pencil designs.

Submission Deadline: May 16<sup>th</sup>to the Office.

Submissions must be Original Student Artwork.

Winner will receive a free T-Shirt with their design.

Winning artwork becomes the property of MMA.