



Welcome to class A

2016-2017

Mrs. Santsaver and I would like to welcome all our students and their families to Classroom A. We are looking forward to a new year filled with wonder and amazement as each student works through each Montessori lesson. Your child will shine with every new discovery made and will eagerly search for yet new findings. It is all very exciting and we look forward to working with you and your child in providing every opportunity to reach for the stars.

I also believe that communication is key to your child's success and to foster a great parent/teacher relationship. No matter what the question or concern, I encourage you to contact me. I am available before school between 7:30-8:20 and after school by appointment.

For many children this may be their first experience of separation from parents. It is common for even the most outgoing child to be anxious the first week of school. That is why it is important to say good-bye to your child at the playroom door and not to linger. The staff will take good care of him/her and you are more than welcomed to call and check on them.

Please note the following as these are items that will be needed for the upcoming year:

- Please send in two wallet size pictures of your child. I will be making cards with these pictures. These cards will be used as a place holder for work the child takes from a shelf and will also help each child, especially the younger ones, to recognize their names.

- Please send in a baby picture of your child (less than one year old.) These pictures will be used for a poster and the children will be guessing who each baby is.
- Your child's birthday will be celebrated on his/her actual birthday. If it is during the weekend or vacation time, it will be celebrated the Friday before. To help us in celebrating, please send in a picture for each year of your child's life along with a short story telling us about his/her favorite toys, food, and general information which can be read in class. These should be given at the beginning of the year to ensure that we have them on hand for their birthday celebration. A form is enclosed for this purpose.

Please feel free to have your child decorate the enclosed snack bag. They must bring it to school each morning filled with one morning snack. Milk or water will be provided.

There is also a supply list, enclosed with this mailing, listing items which are needed for our classroom. Thank you for helping our class with these items. This will greatly help to defray the cost of everyday items used.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathleen Oliveira

Montessori Teacher - Class A