



**Smiles, Quotes, & Montessori Moments**

During the Earth Day Open House, a child who was counting the golden beads said to her mother, “Look Mom, these look just like your earrings.”  
Also during Earth Day Open House, one child said to his parent, “this is the best day ever, right?”  
One child to another on the playground, “Come on \_\_\_\_, let’s go save the world!”  
During a demonstration on making a mother’s day card one of the teachers started talking about what her mother would like and a student shouted out, “You mean you have a mother!”

**Story, Music, and Movement:**

One of the favorite classroom activities during dismissal time is the classroom jukebox. It is a small container with several CDs marked with the names of songs. The children take turns depositing a quarter and picking a CD with a song they enjoy. Then the class sings it together. Some of the songs include Who Took the Cookie From the Cookie Jar, Make New Friends, Over in the Meadow, and Boom Chicka Boom.

**Curriculum News:**

With the coming of Spring, the children have been observing the new growth around them. There has been interest learning the parts and names of flowers and also of birds. They have also been excitedly awaiting the hatching of the butterflies (mariposa) that Ms. Uleland our Spanish teacher has left us. For the month of May we will be learning about South America and Costa Rica with an emphasis on rainforests.

<p><b>Practical Life:</b> Leaf Polishing Paper Weaving Sewing projects Teeth Brushing Brass Polishing Table and Chair Washing Sweeping</p>	<p>ABC order Sight Word Search Word Sentence Match Story Building Poetry Tracing</p>
<p><b>Science and Geography:</b> Birds Flowers Sink/Float Circuits Rocks Africa Landforms</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> Numeration 0-10 Teens Tens The Big Layout Bank and Stamp Games Multiplication and Division Boards Snake Game Number Rolls</p>
<p><b>Language:</b> Letter formation in coffee grinds Sequencing Rhyming Letter stamping Ending Sounds</p>	<p><b>Sensorial and Art:</b> Geometric Solids Tangrams Maze with Red Rods Color Mixing Collage Painting</p>

### **Wanted:**

We are in need of some Gerber plastic baby food containers. If you use this type of food please save the containers for us. Thank you!

### **Gratitude:**

As we enter our final school month we would like to thank all of you for entrusting your precious children to us. Each and every one of them holds a special place in our hearts. It is amazing to see the growth that has taken place in the children and how our classroom has blossomed into a wonderful community. It has been a terrific year!

We also want to express how important you as parents have been to us: sharing your knowledge of your child, sending in snacks, being flexible with our sometimes difficult schedule, attending events, helping out with the care of our environment, and being on time for arrival and pickup. You are such an important part of our team. Thank you!

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Nduuru Githire for sharing his love and knowledge of Kenya with our afternoon children. Thank you also to Kera Ackerman, Nicole Patenaude, Heidi Stone-Dodson and Shannon Stollings for your help making classroom materials. Thanks in advance to Mary Ann Burch, Ada's grandmother, for her dental health presentation to the morning class this Friday.

### **Congratulations:**

Beckham Singer is now a big brother! Congratulations to Beckham and his parents on the birth of his brother Barkley born on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Friendly Reminders:**

As the weather is warming up we will be spending more time outside. We will have a few choices on our patio and will sometimes have a group snack or story outside. We encourage you to put sunblock on your child before school on sunny days.

We are also hoping to spend time on the playground. Sandals and mulch don't always mix so well so please consider tennis shoes.

### **Mark your Calendars:**

Monday, **May 11<sup>th</sup>** is Visitation Day for third year primary students. No school for first and second year students.

Saturday, **May 16<sup>th</sup>** is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace & Global Citizenship Fair near Commonwealth Stadium at the Bluegrass Community & Technical College Grounds (470 Cooper Drive, Lexington, KY. Activities for children and families...

Wednesday, Thursday **May 20<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>** class in the grass. We will be spending the whole day outside so please remember the sunblock.

Thursday, **May 21<sup>st</sup>** is the last day of classes.

Friday, **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** is the school picnic.

*The hands are the  
Instruments of man's intelligence  
Maria Montessori*

