



Adventure Montessori Learning

“The environment must be rich in motives which lend interest to activity and invite the child to conduct his own experiences.”

-M. Montessori

Special points of interest:

- Snack as part of your child’s daily nutrition
- Drop off and Pick Up Information
- Classroom News
- Animals are coming to AML!

Upcoming Dates

August - Boulder Valley Schools Begin **15**

September -Toddler & Infant Back to School **7**

-Primary Back to School Night, 6 pm **8**

October— Harvest Activities **25-29**

Feature: **Our First Weeks of School at Adventure!**

We’ve enjoyed a great first week of school at AML, from Infants to Elementary! Thank you all for your support and patience through our transformation from trailer to school campus.

Our second week has begun with the children meeting Petals, our miniature pot bellied pig...and... she is quite the baby—really; very cuddly and inquisitive. The children enjoyed touching her wiry hair and listening to her talkative oinking! Petals has a pink harness and a blue leash for visiting the classrooms. Please stop by and meet her when you have a few moments.

One of our garden beds will be planted this week with flowers and some root crops, such as carrots and radishes; very exciting work for our kindergartners!

We’re looking forward to the coming week when even more of our friends will be joining us, as their siblings begin attendance at Boulder Valley Schools and the academic year gets underway.

Open Hours:

6:30 am to 6:00 pm.

- Children and staff leave at 6 pm
- A late fee of \$15 will be charged for each 1/4 hour after 6 pm

Healthy Eating Habits are Learned !

Snack and News day is a special day for your child to experience being a leader in the class and a time for sharing and contributing to friends. Each child will be assigned a day on which he or she may bring in an item from home to tell about and a healthy snack to share. **Snack** is a part of the children’s daily nutrition, rather than being a sugary or salty

“treat”, and should provide a portion of the vitamins and minerals that are needed for the daily health of growing children. The “treat” part is having your child help pick out and prepare the fresh fruit or vegetables that your family is providing for the classroom. **Multi-grain crackers or bread** are also a great addition. You will find a calen-

August, 2011



Petals, the school

Pig, makes her debut!

dar in your child’s class listing your child’s snack/share day along with healthy snack suggestions.

GreenKidz SuperSneaky Cream Cheese

- 1/2 Cup Parsnips, Diced, Blanched
- 1/2 Cup Turnips, Diced, Blanched
- 1/4 Cup Rutabaga, Diced, Blanched
- 1/4 Cup Sweet Potato, Diced, Blanched
- 1/2 Cup Cauliflower, Diced, Blanched
- 1/4 Cup Non Fat Milk
- 1 Cup Lowfat Cream Cheese

1. Puree all vegetables together, in a food processor, until smooth paste is formed.
2. Add milk and cream cheese to food processor.
3. Blend until smooth and whipped into airy cream cheese spread. Add a tablespoon of salt for taste.

Please remember that we are a Nut and Peanut Free

Classroom News

Nido (nest) Classroom

Welcome Nido Community families! We have had an exciting last few weeks getting to know one another and all of our new families! Relationship building is very critical. Some ways we have been developing this is through our home visits and through extra family visits to the school for those who haven't started yet. As infant staff, we not only want to develop the relationship with the child, but also the whole family. As the school takes off on its new adventure, we are

still growing within our rooms and our teacher's schedules may fluctuate or change as the needs of our Nido community grow. We are enjoying the current small numbers in our classrooms, but are very excited about all of our new infants soon to start. We have been able to provide lots of one on one attention, as we get to know each of the babies and their likes and dislikes, as well as orienting them to their new environment.

Our first week has been a great success and our infants

and families seem to be adjusting well. Parents, we want to thank you for all your support and patience during this adventure. We are so excited!



Petals...is about 8 months old.



Parents, Please use your own code when entering the school, rather than tagging along on someone else's entry code!

Hello Toddler Parents,

Caminantes 1,2,3

Welcome to Adventure! Wow, the first day went amazing. We are so glad to have you all as a part of our school and look forward to growing and learning with you. We just wanted to make a few quick notes on some information you may need!

We are going to be starting a snack list on September 5, 2011. Please look for a letter home discussing suggested items and the snack list at the end of the month. Just as a reminder, no peanut or nut products and the healthier the better!

Also, establishing a routine with your toddler is key to a smooth drop-off! This means it might be better to drop off older siblings first. Consistency is important, so try to keep it the same every day.

We know how hard it is to say good-bye to your precious ones, but with that being said, the quicker the better. It will take some time for your little one to adjust, so be patient!

A lot of you have already brought wipes into your children's classrooms, but if you haven't, we need them! Lots of changes of clothing are also needed in Toddler World, so make sure they are stocked and ready to go.

Once again, thank you all so much for being a part of this exciting new adventure (no pun intended)! We can already tell that you all have done such a wonderful job with your sweet babies! We are looking forward to watching them explore and discover! Thanks!

Toddler Staff



Children may be picked up from the School Day Program between 3:15—3:30 pm.



Primary (1) Green - Primario (1) Verde

We have had a very busy and exciting first few days within our class. All of the children have been interested in their new classroom and are exploring the various areas of work. Our Practical Life section, where children have the ability to increase their independence, has drawn the most interest. Over the course of the next few weeks we will be focusing on the Grace and Courtesy lessons that are fundamental to the

Practical Life curriculum and the Montessori classroom in general. We use these lessons to help build a strong community spirit that will be a good foundation for the remainder of the year. Here are a few reminders and updates: The end of the school day window for pick-up is 3:15-3:30. If your child is not signed up for aftercare, you may pick-up your child in the office. Please refer to the Parent Handbook at adventuremontessori.com (the code is 250) for information on late fees.



Please try to arrive at school by 8:30 so we can begin our day altogether at our group time.

We do apply sun screen before our playground time after lunch, please leave a hat and water bottle for you child in their cubby.

Due to allergies to various nuts we ask that you refrain from packing nuts in lunch boxes.

By next week each class will post a sign-up sheet for



snack day. Please provide a nut-free snack. Ideally, a snack would be a fresh fruit or vegetable and possibly a few crackers or pretzels or small bagels with cream cheese, or humus. Please feel free to use your imagination and let your child help pick a healthy snack. This day is also special for your child because it is their _Newsday_. They may bring an item to show the class and discuss.

In just the short time I have had to begin to get to know your children I can tell I am really fortunate to have a great class this year. Thank you for bringing them to Adventure Montessori! Please do not hesitate to email me with any questions at,

info@adventuremontessori.com

Caroline and Ashley

Primary (2) Red — Primario (2) Rojo

Dear Primary II Families,

I would love to start by welcoming you to Adventure Montessori. I am so excited for the upcoming school year, and partnering with you and your children. I look forward to watching each of your children grow and learn.

It has been a wonderful first week. Mrs. Mary and I have enjoyed guiding your children as they explore their classroom. They have been receiving many "Grace and Courtesy" lessons on how to respectfully treat their environment and each other. We have also been singing songs, reading many books and enjoying the playground. It has

been a joy to observe the beginnings of beautiful friendships.

A few friendly reminders: Please remember to sign your children in and out on the clipboard that is located on the counter to the right as you walk in to the classroom Also, **we are a nut and peanut free school**, so please no foods with nuts (sunflower butter is a great substitute for our PB&J lovers) Children are encouraged to bring their hats and sunglasses for extra protection outside.

Please apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at school. We will be starting our day on the playground

from 8:00 – 8:30, so please bring your child outside after signing in.

I look forward to connecting with you each day and sharing the progress your child is making. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns,

info@adventuremontessori.com .

Sincerely,

Shellie and Mary



AML has tricycles on the primary and toddler playgrounds for the children to ride. If you would like your child to wear a helmet, please bring one from home, labeled with your child's name.

Enrichment classes begin in September!

Check out our website to learn more and enroll in gymnastics, dance, soccer or drawing...

**Channel 7 came to
AML...Watch for us!**

**Adventure
Montessori
Learning
...where children are
valued
And respected.**



**We're on the web..Look
For our updated calendar and
other news**

Primary (3) Orange —Primario Anaranjado

We have had such a wonderful first week of school with your children! We have enjoyed getting to know your amazing children, and we are looking forward to a great school year! Amie's exciting news for the week is that her brother is getting married this upcoming weekend! Amie was gone for a couple of days this week, and she will be back next Tuesday.

There are a few of pieces of information we wanted to communicate to you. First, **please sign your child in and out every day, on the sheet of paper on the clipboard by the front door.** There is a spiral notebook beside the clip board for

any additional information you would like to tell us. When we know that your child is sleepy or might like a special lesson on a certain job, it helps us to be better teachers and be more in tune with your child's needs. Second, we do have a microwave in our classroom and in the cafeteria. So we can heat up parts of your child's lunch if need be. We love to see healthy lunches at Adventure Montessori, so if you could limit the sweet treats it would be greatly appreciated. Also on the front of the black refrigerator in our classroom, there is a dry erase board. Each day what the children eat for morning and afternoon

snack will be posted on this board.

Third, if you have any additional vegetables from bumper-crop harvests from your garden, we would love to have it for daily snacks. The children have been eating garden-fresh zucchini dipped in Ranch dressing this week as an addition to snack, and they have really enjoyed this. If you have extra flower cuttings from your yard, we would also love these for our flower-cutting job. And finally, please make sure that your child receives sunscreen before s/he comes to school. We hope to go outside most mornings to get some exercise and enjoy our beautiful

Colorado weather. Hats and sunglasses are also recommended for children who spend time outside at our high altitude. **Adventure Montessori is having a Back to School Night on Sept. 8th.** In the meantime, please touch base with us at drop off time if you have any questions. In addition, you can email us at,

info@adventuremontessori.com

Please put Primary 3 in the subject box.

Take care, and have a great weekend!

Amie and Alison