



September, 2011

**“Whoever touches the life of the child, touches the most sensitive point of a whole which has roots in the most distant past and climbs towards the infinite future.”**

**-M. Montessori**

### Special points of interest:

- Fall harvest days of activities and fun!
- Our language program has begun!
- Classroom News
- Enrichment classes begin!

### Upcoming Dates

#### September

First day of Autumn **23**

#### October—

Harvest Activities

**24-29**

## Feature: **School at Adventure Is In Full Swing!**



I'm sure you have noticed many new faces at AML over the last couple of weeks as new families begin fall enrollment. Our infant and toddler rooms are bustling and our primaries continue to grow. The month of September brings many exciting dynamics to our programs. The Spanish program has begun and Chinese will begin the first week of the month. Enrichment classes will also begin during our afternoons. Please sign up for classes, if you have not done so and are interested in an extra-curricular activity for your child. You may "try" any class once, to see if your child will

enjoy it. You may see our soccer fields being used on the weekends, toward the end of the month as the Happy Feet soccer league begins practice and games!



A few classes are **available to Toddlers**, as well, such as **music** and **movement**.



### Habla Espanol?



Hola,

amigos! Como estas? Todos somos fantasticos!

(Our Spanish classes have begun and the children are already learning phrases...they will pass on to you!)

### Learning Leadership Skills!

The children are enjoying their special leadership roles on their **Snack and News days**. They have a turn to do the daily, morning calendar and tell about the item they brought from home, as well as being the line leader during transition times, such as going to and from the cafeteria and outside.

Thank you, parents, for sending healthy snacks in consid-

eration of the children's nutritional intake!



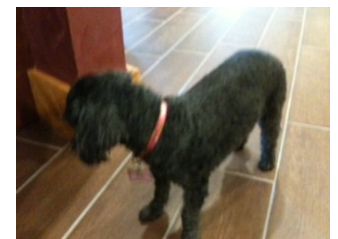
Lower Elementary children prepare the cafeteria for the younger children's lunch period!



*Petals, busy finding a nice soft spot for a nap!*

Animals, animals, animals...are an important part of a child's daily life as they learn that plants and all living things depend upon our awareness, care and protection. Petals has already made her personality known and is teaching our school community about her needs...and wants!

Did you know that pigs don't have sweat glands and they sunburn easily?! ..which is why they like to roll in the mud!



Some of you may also have met Sally Sue, Ms. Eva's "shadow". She is less visible than Petals and only visits occasionally, but also enjoys time at AML.

## Please remember that we are a Nut and Peanut Free

### Classroom News

#### Nido (nest) Classroom

One of the most important activities we do in our Nido classrooms is to sing nursery rhymes. This activity helps develop a trusting relationship between caregiver and infant, because of the bond it forms and it's fun. Sharing face-to-face contact and the sound of our voice also promotes language development by introducing new words, repeating words that rhyme and is the beginning process for infants to start memorizing. When there are hand gestures involved it also pro-

motes gross and fine motor skills depending on the song. Traditional nursery rhymes are often shared with infants from several generations in a family. Traditional nursery rhymes are timeless and can be shared not only by caregivers but parents, grandparents and older siblings.

I am sure there are plenty of ways on line to find your favorite nursery rhymes that were probably sang to you as a child and the words to them. I have used one web sight for this purpose that

has 112 different nursery rhymes, it is <http://www.rhymes.org.uk/> check it out and see if there might be a few you have forgotten but would like to share with your infant.



**Petals...is about 11 months old, now!**



**Parents, please turn your cell phones off during those important transition times of dropping off and picking up your child/children. They need your undivided attention!**

#### Hello Toddler Parents,

#### Caminantes 1,2,3

August sure did fly by! We just wanted to thank you all for joining us at our parent night. It is wonderful to know that you all are so willing to learn and grow with your children and us!

We have a few announcements. Our classrooms need plastic bags! If you have extra old grocery bags please feel free to bring them in and donate them to your child's classroom. It would be much appreciated. Also, keep in mind the weather is getting cooler and your children are going to need

warmer clothing. This also means checking to make sure your children's extra clothing is in season and bringing a jacket. As the colder weather approaches please keep our sick policy in mind. If you need a refresher on our policy you may review the parent handbook (which you can find at [adventuremontessori.com](http://adventuremontessori.com)).

As you have probably noticed, we are having new children and staff in the toddle area. We are very happy to see our side filling up! We would like you all to keep in mind these changes can cause another adjustment for your little ones

and that we are doing our best to make it a beautiful, smooth transition.

Thank you once again for all of your grace and helpfulness.

Did you know that you can email your child's teacher with any questions or comments? You can contact all toddler teachers at:

[Info@adventuremontessori.com](mailto:Info@adventuremontessori.com)



### Primary (1) Green - Primario (1) Verde

It has been an exciting first month for Adventure Montessori. I have been impressed how the children have quickly learned to work within the structure of the Montessori-classroom. The class has been practicing Grace and Courtesy lessons, and exploring the individual works that challenge them each at their own pace. I hope that the children

have brought some of these new skills in courtesy home with them. If you have any stories about how your children are responding, I am always happy to have your feedback. Over the next month we will be introducing a few new areas of learning to the curriculum. We will begin our foreign language program early in September, with lessons in Spanish and Chinese, each twice a week. Our class will also begin to learn

about the solar system. I always look forward to the surprising, sometimes humorous and frequently interesting questions the children when we study this topic. Thank you to the parents that have brought snacks in the past few weeks. Everyone has made an effort to prepare delicious and healthy foods that we have all enjoyed.



Carrot cutting work

We feel that we are just getting to know your wonderful children and look forward to a fun year of learning and growth. As always, please do not hesitate to email one of us with any questions. Thank you!

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### Primary (2) Red – Primario (2) Rojo

It has been a joy to watch our classroom grow not only in numbers but also in friendships. Their conversations in areas such as the quiet cube, snack table, and sandbox, are priceless. We have been focusing on our class as a community; how we treat each other, using our words and calm quiet voices when talking to our friends and teachers. Also, we have been reading several books on different emotions such as love, anger, loneliness, and kindness to help the children develop their emotional language, which in turn will help them improve their communica-

tion with each other. For the month of September our topic studies are Space, Earth, continent maps, needs of Humans, and Peace as an interweaving theme. It will be an exciting month. Our Spanish and Mandarin curriculum will be starting as well. Spanish will be on Monday and Wednesday and Mandarin will be Tuesday and Thursday. As you read about our topic studies if you see an area of interest or connection to your family, we would love to invite you to come and share with our class. That could be in the form of reading a book, sharing pictures,

songs, dances, or a favorite dish, etc.

Also, we will be starting the “letter of the week”. Each day we will have discussions and activities around that particular sound. One example is the letter of the week bag. Each child will have the opportunity to take the bag home and fill it with safe objects that begin with the focused letter. Then they will return the bag back to school and share what they have found at line time. It’s very exciting for the children and a great way for you as parents to be hands on in your child’s education and class.

Thank you to the families for the healthy and yummy afternoon snacks!. Please be aware of the News Day calendar posted on the classroom door.

#### A Few Friendly Reminders:

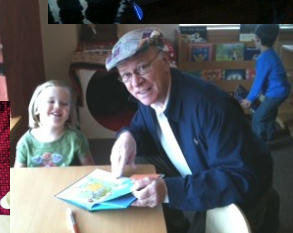
- .Please remember to sign your child in and out
  - . Check your child’s work folder it will be in the black crate in the hallway
  - . Don’t forget to take home the green bag on Friday so sheets and smocks can be washed and returned on Monday.
  - .The Nature and Science Museum has a few wonderful space films in the Planetarium. One is the Cosmic Journey: a solar system adventure; also ,The Journey to the stars.—Fun family things to do and a great way to reinforce classroom studies!
- Thank you, Shellie and Mary



**Mandarin Chinese has started...and the children already know their colors!!**

**Adventure  
Montessori  
Learning**

**...where children are  
valued  
And respected.**



### Primary (3) Orange —Primario Anaranjado

Our big news is that our classroom has grown enough to need to separate into two groups. The primary children will stay with me, and the elementary and kindergarten children have moved to the classroom next door with Ms. Amie as their teacher.

Keeping in step with our growth, we would like to welcome our new Montessori assistant/intern, Beatrice, who will teach with Ms. Alison. She is originally from Hungary and had the pleasure of meeting some of you at Back to School night. Please introduce yourselves and welcome her to AML.

As you know, Ms. Gladys will be teaching in our room while I step into Primary One, until a new Primary teacher can be hired for that class. The children are excited and enjoy Ms. Gladys' animated Spanish lessons and Montessori lessons. We will have a few new students joining our classroom in the upcoming weeks. During September we will jump in to our Spanish and cultural curriculums, as well as the study of space. Also in the beginning of September we will be starting our **Snack and News day**. The sign up sheet will be placed on our classroom door.

Other than that, we have been enjoying playing base-

ball and with the Neos outside on these warm summer days, Petals the pig has given us a lot of laughs during her visits to our classroom, the children have been working hard on their academic lessons, we've been playing fun games and doing yoga during line time, and our gardens are starting to grow plants for the fall harvest.

