

# Moab Montessori Center News

September 2019

*Building the Foundation for a Lifetime of Learning*



## Calendar Items:

- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>: Fall Family Conferences
- Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Fall Break – No School
- Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break – No School

## Toddler Class

This month we will be learning about animals and their habitats. We will learn about how different animals move and how they communicate using movement and games.

We will also be working with the children on becoming independent with tasks such as putting on shoes and washing hands, as well as learning how to use words to express needs and wants and name things in our environment. It's great to practice these skills at home, too!



“... the child's individual liberty must be so guided that through his activity he may arrive at independence ... the child who does not do, does not know how to do.” — *The Montessori Method*

## September Snack Menu

	Morning Snack	After School Snack
Monday	Yogurt, fresh fruit, rice Chex	Ham and cheese rollups, crackers, fresh fruit
Tuesday	Peanut butter, banana, raisin wraps	Chips, salsa, guacamole
Wednesday	Cheese, crackers, hummus, fresh veggie	Peanut butter, pretzels, fresh fruit or veggie
Thursday	Mini bagels with cream cheese and fresh fruit	Pita chips, hummus, fresh veggies, ranch dressing
Friday	Chips, salsa, string cheese, fresh fruit	Peanut butter and jelly wraps, fresh veggie

## Primary Class

This month we will continue to focus on grace and courtesy as well as lessons from our Peace curriculum to help us develop a classroom culture of mutual respect and kindness. We will begin practicing making silence, so that we can feel our own love lights and set a calm and joyful tone to our work time. We will also be focusing on phonemic awareness by hearing rhymes and identifying beginning sounds of words using poems, finger plays, games, and songs.

In Science, we will begin studying the difference between living and non-living things. We will also begin our study of botany with an overview of what plants are and the parts that they have.

In Social Studies, we will begin with a study of the globes, and how they are models that represent our Earth, which is made up of land and water. We will use the globes to introduce the continents and oceans. We will also begin working with the puzzle maps found in our Geography cabinet.

In Art, we will be studying Vincent Van Gogh. We will learn about his life, study some of his famous paintings, and the children will have the chance to make their own art after his style. We will also begin studying movement. Dr. Maria Montessori believed that movement is an essential factor in the physical and intellectual growth of children. So we will be incorporating movement into our lessons this year, beginning with a few basics like jumping and hopping.