

ROCKLEDGE MONTESSORI NEWS



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SEPTEMBER 2011

We will be **CLOSED**
Labor Day

Monday, September 5th
No After Care Program

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September 12, Monday

Teacher In-service Day

No School for 3-6 Class

After Care for Full Day Only

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**Open House for
Prospective families**

Saturday, September 10

930—11 A.M.

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Student Photos

Thursday, September 22nd

The Joys of a New School Year

Administrator's Notes

Welcome to all of our new and returning students! Summer camp was a great success and went so quickly! The children had a lot of fun with water play, arts and crafts and all the themed activities we did over the summer. The toddlers also thoroughly enjoyed being invited to join in some of the activities with the older ones. Many thanks to Mrs. Fraleigh and Mrs. Wagner for all their hard work!

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. The transition in the classrooms has been

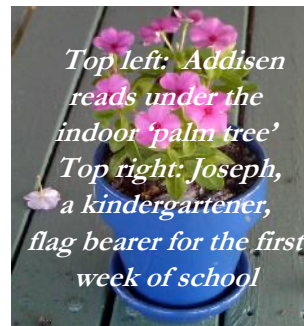
smooth and calm, thanks to prepared teachers and moms and dads! We are looking forward to an exciting year with your children.

Please invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers with little ones to visit us during Open House Saturday, September 10th!

*Cindy Mastin,
Administrator*



Vijay & Jesse busy working with the movable alphabet



*Top left: Addisen reads under the indoor 'palm tree'
Top right: Joseph, a kindergartener, flag bearer for the first week of school*



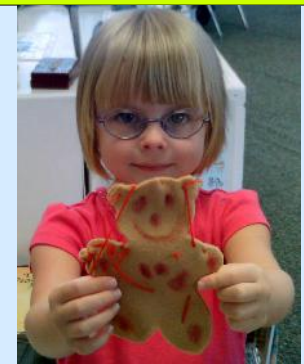
COMING UP IN OCTOBER

- OCTOBER 10—MIXED BAGS FUNDRAISER KICKS OFF
- OCTOBER 14, Friday—TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY—NO 3-6 CLASS—FULL DAY ONLY After Care
- OCTOBER 27th—INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS MAKEUP DAY

Reminders for Parents

Here are a few reminders to make everyone's day go a little bit smoother:

- The left lane of the car loop is for dropping off and picking up in front of the gate; the right lane is for pulling over and parking momentarily, to walk up and meet your child at the gate
- If a child spends part of their day in two classrooms, please keep a bag of extra clothes in both rooms
- Check the white board in the breezeway for daily and weekly reminders



Riley sews a brown bear to go along with the story Brown Bear by Eric Carle

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Mrs. Fraleigh's 3-6 & VPK Montessori Classes



The children have had a great start to the new school year! We've learned the rules and routine of the classroom, reviewed basic lessons. We learned the parts of an apple and graphed our apple tasting.

In September, we continue learning about the five senses, healthy nutrition and proper hand washing. The children made table setting placemats to use each day for lunchtime. They are learning to use nice manners and clean up their placemats after they eat. During VPK time, we read *High Tide in Hawaii* by Mary Pope Osborne with learning activities such as weaving palm fronds and learning to hula dance (see photos). Please encourage your children to

share with you what they are learning each day.

Parents, please note that children do not need to bring a backpack unless they have nap items to go to the nap room. We have only enough room in their cubbies for a change of clothes, daily papers and a take home folder. Also, mosquitoes have been prevalent with all the recent rainfall, so please remember to put insect repellent on your child before coming to school.



Riley, Grace, & Madison with their woven mats; Hula lessons below



Mrs. Mammay's 3-6 & VPK Montessori Classes



The children and I have had a great time getting know each other at the beginning of a new school year! In our VPK time together during August, we focused on the state of Florida. We learned the Florida Alphabet Song and about Flamingo nomenclature. We joined Mrs. Fraleigh's class to learn a hula dance.

During September, we will begin to focus on the beginning of Autumn, the life cycle of trees, and tree and leaf nomenclature. We'll also be helping to get our gardens ready for the fall, painting a rain barrel to water the gardens, and starting some seeds inside to plant soon.

Adelina, Chaelynn, Jarmiah & Cadence work on the continents map; Baylee practices a hand-washing lesson



Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Smith's Pre-Montessori Classes



During August, the Two Year Old class welcomed our new friends Jacob and Zavier, and the One Year class welcomed Kate. We explored the theme of friends and welcomed back returning friends. We also worked with circles and the colors red and green.

In September, both classes will continue exploring the theme of friendship, learning about personal space and how to be a friend that is kind and helpful, along with a study of apples and leaves.

The One Year Olds will focus on the color red and circle shape and the number two during September.

Number two, the color blue and squares will be the September focus for our Two Year Olds.

Left: Zavier works in the garden; Macie and Zavier dance with their red flags



Chance enjoyed the Clifford the Dog book and making a Clifford hat



Kate loved her leap frog hat and learning about frogs