



July Newsletter

Big City Montessori School



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the magic of Montessori schools

Children who are treated with respect and who are encouraged to try new skills learn more readily to do things for themselves. Montessori taught that a child who feels respected and competent will develop a far greater level of emotional well-being than a child who is simply loved and doted upon.

Montessori teachers share a conviction that success in school is directly tied to the degree to which children believe they are capable, independent human beings. *Young children are shown how to pour liquids, write letters and compute sums.* When children develop a meaningful degree of independence, they set a pattern for a lifetime of good work

habits, self-discipline, and sense of responsibility.

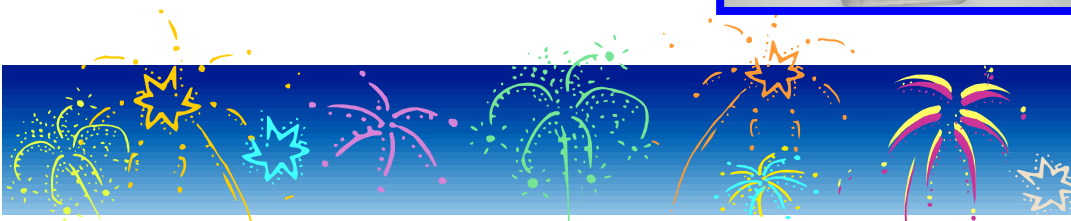
freedom to learn

In a Montessori classroom there are some basic ground rules about behavior and tidiness, but beyond these children are free to choose whatever activity they wish, and to work with it for as long as they want to. They are free to move about and work alone or with others at will. Much of the time children select work that captures their interest, although teachers help them to choose activities that will present new challenges and new areas of inquiry. When they are finished with an activity, children are expected to put the materials back where they belong. Stu-

dents are taught to manage their own community, and they develop independence and strong leadership skills.

Such guidelines easily adapt to the home. If you create a welcoming but orderly space for your children and allow them to work and play freely, their confidence and independence will blossom.

The Montessori message is just as meaningful today and is thriving in schools around the world.



Special Points of Interest!

Monday, July 5

BCMS CLOSED in observance of Independence Day

Friday, July 9

**Onsite Fieldtrip:
Shadow Puppet Show!**
2:30-3:00pm

Friday, July 16

BCMS CLOSSES at 3pm
for staff meeting

Saturday, July 17:

New/Returning Parent Orientation:
The Montessori Journey
9:30am-1:30pm

Wednesday, July 21:

Summer Sing-Along with Miss Renee!

Miss Evelyn's Class: 3:30-4pm
Mr. Sanath's Class: 4:30-5pm

Wednesday, July 28:

Summer Sing-Along with Miss Renee!

Miss Soumya's Class: 4-4:30pm

July Lunch Menu:

Monday

Chicken Nuggets
with rice & broccoli

Tuesday

Beef & Vegetable Stew
over rice

Wednesday

Homemade Chicken &
Vegetable Soup with
whole wheat bread

Thursday

Homemade Turkey
Meatballs & Gravy
with rice and broccoli

Friday

Chicken Quesadilla
with guacamole &
refried beans