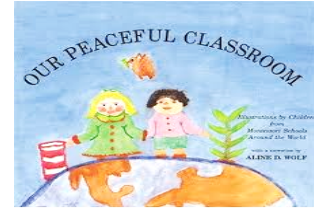
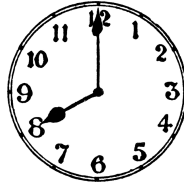




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- **MS. ROHINI'S CORNER:** Welcome to our Schools! The children are doing wonderfully well and had a fantastic first month! Thoughtful lessons on friendship skills and classroom rules helped ease our children into their new environments and peer roles. Teachers have already forged connections with children and are preparing lessons to meet the needs of every child. Our school mission is "To develop the intellectual, creative and human potential of our children through excellence in all our endeavors".

I am exceedingly thankful for such an amazing group of children and the most brilliant Montessori team! This is going to be an incredible year at our Schools! Thank you for sharing your children!



SCHOOL NEWS! Our three amazing schools have been validated as meeting the standards set forth by the American Montessori Society (AMS), the National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPISA) and the Florida Gold Seal Quality program. We are proud to be recognized for exceeding the needs of our children, parents and community. Our accreditation certificates are displayed proudly in each school. *Thank you all for your hard work.*

- **FALL FOR SEPTEMBER:** This month we are focusing on Our Peaceful Classroom, learning about Our Five Senses and Feelings, practicing Body Control and continuing Grace and Courtesy lessons. We will learn about Fire Safety. Composer of the Month is Walt Disney; Artist of the Month is Piet Mondrian.
- **WHAT'S COMING UP:**
 - **Labor Day - Sep 3rd - School CLOSED.**
 - BMS School Portraits - Sep 10th & 11th
 - Bring an Apple to School - Sep 26th
 - Teacher Conference Days - Oct 11th, 12th & 19th
- **EXTRACURRICULAR:** Sign up now for After School Activities: Dance with Ms. Arianna. / Tae Kwon Do with Mr. Jesse or Ms. Dawn Nunnally. These are great outlets for creative expression, physical exercise, and are fun too! There are information flyers in the school lobby.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH: Birthday wishes go to **Fabian and Emma**. We hope your day was extra special, just like you are!



We are honoring Maria Montessori by sharing our favorite Montessori material with a friend!

Please Note **Children's birthdays are a lovely tradition at our schools. We ask that you coordinate bringing celebration treats with the School Office. Treats must be small (*mini muffins, mini cookies, fruit slices, etc.*) and must be nut-free. As a special request, please omit excessive or colored frosting. Thank you for your understanding!

- **HEALTH NOTE:** Summer heat is still here. We suggest **packing a water bottle** in lieu of juice. Bottles must be clearly labeled AND fit inside or attach to children's lunchboxes. Also, please provide a balanced lunch including fruit, grains, vegies, protein and dairy in small quantities.



KINDERGARTEN & ELEMENTARY NEWS: Our eager students are settled in and enjoying their added responsibilities. They have been working hard on their handwriting skills and reading comprehension with our SRA Reading Lab curriculum. We will begin Accelerated Reader further developing our independent and confident readers...our future leaders! ☺

- **ART CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Mr. Charley and Mrs. Barbara Knight begin their renowned Art Classes this week! **Art Volunteers for Wed/Thu mornings are still needed!!** *Please* inform the office that you'd like to help. There is NO experience or talent required ☺! You will have a blast and so will your child!!

- **LABOR DAY:** Please note, school will be closed Monday, Sep 3rd in observance of Labor Day.



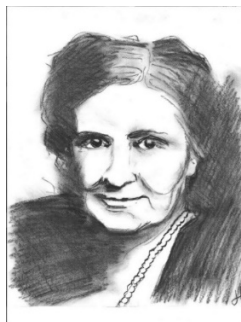
- **OFFICE NOTES:** Thank you families for keeping to our 8 a.m. (or earlier ☺) arrival time for children! Classroom lessons begin promptly at 8 a.m. Children greatly benefit from participating in the full morning cycle with their classmates. Children who arrive after class starts miss valuable information for the day and week.



- **STAY INFORMED:** Important information is available through these means; printed calendars, memos, newsletters, door signs, website www.wearemontessori.com, Facebook page "The Brandon, Riverview and SouthShore Montessori Schools", Montessorian Minds Blog, AND NOW introducing our School Instagram page Minds of Montessori! Follow us and stay informed! :)

Did you know that routines help children to take charge of their own activities? Regular morning and bedtime routines help increase children's sense of mastery and competence. Give your child special tasks around the house too. Their independence spurs confidence and leads to joyful children!

"The child's conquests of independence are the basic steps in what is called his 'natural development'." Maria Montessori *The Absorbent Mind*



Maria Montessori
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