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I AM A MONTESSORI STUDENT!

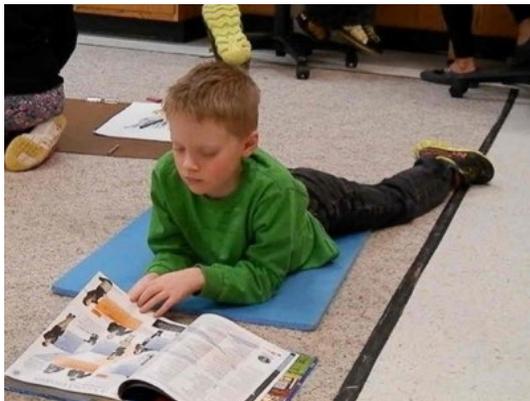


UPCOMING VIRTUES

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WAUSAU AREA MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Talking to Your Children About Their School Day



We've all been there. "How was your day?" "Good." "What did you do today?" "Ah, nothing." Parents care and want to know about their kids day at school. Parents want to hear about all of the fun and new learning they had. Sometimes, asking the right questions help kids better explain their day. We thought we would share some guiding questions you can ask your kids that use similar language we use with them at school. We hope you find them beneficial. As a reminder, all of our Virtue lesson plans are on our website at the following link:

http://montessori.wausauschools.org/classrooms/the_virtues_project/virtue_lessons

- 1.) What work did you work on or complete today?** All lessons students work on during their day are called works. Work can be completed in Math, Geometry, Language, Culture, Science, Writing, Practical Life, Spelling & Reading. Students may have other projects they are working on as well. Framing the question by asking about one or more of these content areas will help.
- 2.) Do you feel you demonstrated the virtue for the week? How?** Being specific with this question and inserting the actual virtue we are studying for the week will make this question more specific to the kids. Kids may receive virtue vouchers and have the opportunity to acknowledge other students who have demonstrated the virtues.
- 3.) Were your choices easy or difficult today? Which ones were easy and which ones were difficult?** Throughout the school day kids have to make choices. As teachers we try to not tell them what to do. We discuss and teach the importance of making good choices depending on the circumstances presented to them. One choice we spend a lot of time on is learning to focus for a sustainable period of time on a work. There's a lot that goes into this and working with students to understand how to focus is something we all can support them on.

4.) Did you accomplish everything you planned to accomplish today? In the older grades, kids plan their days and are responsible for tracking and updating their planners based on their work during the day. In the younger grades, the teachers are still supporting the students on planning their day and establishing their goals. Students must still understand what they did or did not accomplish and why. This question is important and ties directly to the previous question. The better the choices students make the more likely they are to accomplish the goals they have set for themselves.

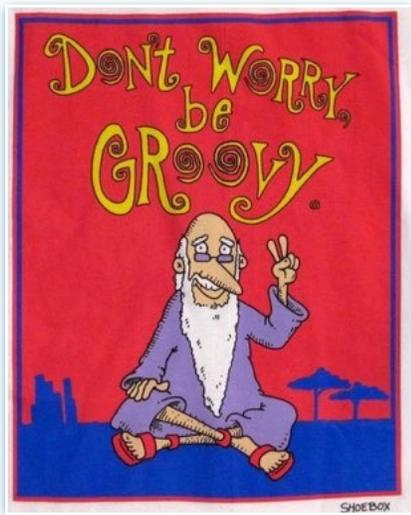
5.) Can you share one new thing you learned today? The more kids can talk about their learning the more it becomes something that they won't forget.



Parent Connections

Hello Parents! I hope the school year is getting off to a great start for everyone, especially our new families and students. We have a few fun events coming up at the school that I hope to see a great turnout for. We have our Grandparents Day Celebration coming up on Friday, October 2nd. We understand that some of our students may not have a grandparent to attend for a variety of reasons. We would like you to extend an invitation to any older adult that has a connection to your child. If

this still leaves anyone out, please contact us and we will connect them to a grandparent of another child who would be happy to share their time. We are all family here. If there are parents who can lend a hand serving cider or cookies, please drop me a line. Kathy Sponder, 715-298-1510 or at momsponder@gmail.com.



On October, 16th we will hold our annual fall color walk. The whole family is encouraged to attend. We will begin the walk at the Montessori playground and proceed to Sylvan Park to take in the sights. The hikers return to the school for cookies and warm cider. This is a great chance to hang out with old friends and get to know some new ones. I hope this gorgeous weather holds out but it is October so dress for cooler night temps! We'll need help with serving, and clean up. If you can't help at the event, we always need people to bring treats... Signups will be going home in the kids folders.

And finally, we'll be having another Dinner Out Fundraiser at Noodles on October 6th. From 4-9, all the dinner tickets will count toward Montessori's total. Just to give you an idea of how much this contributes to our school, the Panda Express fundraiser earned us about \$125. This is a relatively painless way for us to earn money for our activities. We'll be hosting more Dinner Out Nights throughout the year. If you know of an organization that supports local groups please pass it along. Please come and support Montessori and enjoy a tasty bowl of Noodles! (And for the carb conscious, they have fantastic salads as well.)

As I sign off I just wanted to encourage you all to help out in the classrooms, on field trips, community projects, on an after school activity or on the Parent Connect planning committee. I'll be

posting more volunteer opportunities in the coming weeks. Wherever you can help will be greatly appreciated. See you in the carpool lane! Kathy.

Attendance

Attendance at school is very important, in fact, the law requires it. The law also requires schools to track absences. There are generally three types: medically excused, parent excused & unexcused. Medically excused absences must be documented with a medical professional's note of phone call. Parental excused absences require a phone call or a note from the parent, however, if these absences become excessive, the school can require additional document for these absences such as medical excuses. Unexcused absence are of most concern. The law requires schools to act on excessive unexcused absences with consequences ranging from mandatory meetings to citations. Please make every effort to communicate an absence your child may have throughout the school year.

Virtues Assembly

At the end of each month we hold our Virtues Assembly. Our first one will be this Friday at 8:30am. We celebrate the virtues we learned over the month and honor those students who demonstrated these virtues. Each classroom is rotationally responsible for the activities we do to celebrate the virtues. Mr. Wridt normally presents the first one. **All parents are welcomed to attend the virtues assemblies.** We hope you can join us if your schedule allows.



WSD Information

Bi-Weekly Planner

Check out **E-Flyers** for the latest non-profit community and school-sponsored events. You can access E-Flyers [here](#) or by clicking on the E-Flyers button on the top bar of the WSD website.

For information on **Volunteering** click [here](#) or by clicking on Volunteer Info on the WSD website under the Parents tab.

Information on **WSD Board Meetings** can be found by clicking [here](#) or by clicking on Board Information under the District tab on the WSD website.

Week of September 28th

9/28: WSD Annual Board Meeting

10/1: Elem. Leadership Day 1, Homecoming Parade 2pm

10/2: Grandparents Day, Virtues Assembly, 8:30

Week of October 5th

10/8: Grade 2 & 3 to Grand Theater

10/9: Helene's Orchard Trip, 10am