

From The Desk of Evajean

“We all need rituals and traditions. Rituals connect us with each other and with the times, events, and rites of passage that are meaningful in our lives and our culture.”

Wolfsong/Humphries

Rituals in young children’s environments help reinforce relationships, and increase learning. (Brain News). Carefully attending to rituals can be soothing and reassuring for children. Hello and good-bye rituals, mealtime rituals and rest time rituals are opportunities for adults to express love, appreciation and care for children.

Important rituals at your child’s AML classroom

Children enter the classroom with their parent, hang up their coat on a hook, place their lunchbox in the refrigerator, and say good-bye to their parent often with a hug or a kiss. The teacher or assistant greet the child and may say something like, “I’m glad you are here today! What were you thinking of starting your day with today?” This one-minute connection is often the reassurance the child needs to begin their day. Next they may join a small group of children already engaged with activities; perhaps Brain Gym, I spy, or food preparation. Some children choose to work independently by choosing a work from a wide array of activities on shelves throughout the room. Often they have something in mind as they walk in the door; generally this will change only when there is a new activity in the room, which they immediately spot and want to explore. They engage in the indoor activities of their choice for the next two and half-hours, they enjoy a half hour outside, and then return inside for lunch – another ritual.

At AML the prepared environment with enticing colors, carefully arranged tables, shelf activities, new works in the room, a fresh scent, calm and quiet atmosphere and a personal greetings all convey a strong message of welcome to the children. The daily rituals of our classrooms are soothing and reassuring to the children.

Children naturally entrain to the rhythm of calming background music such as nature sounds: waves, gurgling brooks, ragging rivers, waterfalls, rain, wildlife in the rainforests and this can be very settling for them following an often hectic start to their day. Carefully planned and clearly stated expectations about the daily activities help children feel more comfortable and secure. Following a regular routine will help your child develop trust and confidence and keep them from using their time and energy testing limits. I encourage you to evaluate your routines and look for opportunities to practice some of these tips.



Monthly Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. A charge will begin accruing after the 5th. The late fee schedule is posted inside the front doors on the Parent Board.

Information Changes: If you have any new information such as address, work number please stop by the front desk and give your contact information to Gladys.

online news

Website- Classroom newsletters are on our website! Please check them out ! For the latest information regarding AML see the website www.adventuremontessori.com.

Facebook-AML Facebook account Coming soon

LUNCH PROGRAM: Adventure Montessori is serving a variety of



Parent Information

COURTESY REQUESTED

As a community we strive to serve our families with the utmost respect and courtesy. We have been committed in every facet of our organization to valuing you. **Are you giving us mutual respect ?**

Withdrawing your child Our policy for withdrawing from AML is clearly stated in our manual. The policy states that when withdrawing a 30 day notice should be given. Yet continually we have parents that withdraw their child without notice.

LATE PICK UP We schedule our staff to meet the needs of the AML family based on the program you are enrolled in an effort to keep cost down. PLEASE pickup and drop off your children within the time frames you established upon enrolling.

PLEASE RESPECT and follow these policies.

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Introducing NEW SUMMER PROGRAMS

As a management team we are proud to introduce **Summer Camps 2010**. Our philosophy has always been to meet the needs of the families in our community. We have heard the comments/ suggestion of our AML family and we are responding. Summer Camps 2010 features 6 camps lasting approximately 2 weeks each. Each camp will highlight unique themes with creative, innovative, and interactive activities for the children. You will have the freedom and flexibility to sign up for the camps that meet your family's needs. **In addition, we are extending our summer Camps to the siblings of AML students. Sign Up Now-limited space**

PRIMARY Camps for ages 3-6 years old	
Jun 1-11	Dinosaurs-journey back in time to the land of dinosaurs and recreating an archaeological dig
Jun 14-25	Books Come Alive –bringing life to literature and exploring the lives of the great authors.
Jun28-Jul 9	Wilderness 101-discovering the great outdoors culminating with our very own carnival
Jul 12-23	Space Exploration-What else is out there? Space exploration a natural extension of children's curiosity
Jul26-Au 6	Art Expo– exploring our inner artist, discovering different artistic mediums, artist and creating AML Art Gallery
Aug. 9 - 27	Science Adventures-experiencing science with interactive learning and innovative experimentation

ELEMENTARY Camps for grades1-3 (this fall)	
Jun 1-11	Sports Spectacular -including a variety of sports & featuring a jump bunch extravaganza
Jun 14-25	Puppeteers –Lights, Camera Action while creating, scripting, and performing our own puppet shows
Jun 28 Jul 9	Wilderness 101-discovering the great outdoors culminating with our very own carnival
Jul 12-23	Inventors/Inventions– travel through time re-creating inventions and discovering great inventors
Jul 26-Aug 6	Art Expo– exploring our inner artist, discovering different artistic mediums, artist and creating AML Art Gallery
Aug 9 –13	Science Adventures-experiencing science with interactive hands-on learning and innovative experiments

Upcoming Events

Parent Teacher Conferences: March 4th- 5th School Closed
 Spring Break: March 22–26th
 Annual enrollment begins: March 1
 Summer Camp REGISTRATION: April 1
 Good Friday: April 2nd School Closed
 Ladies Breakfast: May 7th
 Kindergarten graduation: May 14th

COMING SOON TO SUMMER 2010

SUMMER CAMPS
 for Primary Students
 and Elementary Age Siblings

Convenient Sign up for camps That fit your Schedule

Flexible Scheduling 2 week camp

Field

Field Trips

EDUCATIONAL

INSPIRING IMAGINATION

Recreational

SPACE IS Limited
 SIGN-UP at Front Desk today