



WMS Newsletter

Welcome Back!

January 2010

Silent Journey

There are just a couple of openings still available for our Silent Journey. The session takes place Friday, January 8 from 6-7:30 and Saturday, January 9 from 9-1. This opportunity will allow you to better understand the journey your children take as students in a Montessori school. During the two part session you will not only view but actually experience the progression of materials from primary through elementary by taking this journey through our classrooms.

Over the last few months I have had the opportunity to observe in each of our classrooms. My visit goes much the same each time. I enter the classroom and all the children look up from their work to see who has arrived. There are always a few shy waves, a couple of "hellos", and one or two children who check "Are you Spencer's mom?". But immediately after the class settles to the work they are engaged in and my presence is forgotten. The children's attention is devoted to their learning. The work of pouring to practice not only practical life skills but to develop motor coordination and build to longer sequences. The work of sandpaper letters to begin to connect the sound of letters to their shape in a concrete and tangible way. The work of puzzle maps to learn about our global society by seeing and writing and understanding our geography.

And during all this I am reminded the children are learning in the best possible way. They have made connections. They have gained independence. They have not just memorized but truly understand. They will not be disrupted by a visitor to their classroom. They have much work to do. They find learning exciting. The children here have a passion for learning!

I invite each of you to take a short time and observe in our genuine Montessori classrooms. You will be inspired and changed, just like your children.

JJ Griebel



Open House
January 20th ,

6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m

Invite those interested in immediate Toddler enrollment or Fall enrollment to attend. Also, current families are also encourage to visit the elementary room.

January Events

School Re-opens January 4th!	1/26-27	Hearing & vision screening	
1/8-9	Silent Journey	1/27	Re-enrollment begins
1/12	Board Meeting	1/29	Spirit wear day
1/18	School Closed		
	Wrap-around is OPEN		
1/20	Open House		
	6:00 -7:30 PM		



