

Our Lady's Montessori School

of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity



Ave Maria!

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Upcoming Dates:

October 20th
MASS at 10:15 A.M.

October 21st
SCHOOL CLOSED

October 31st
Fieldtrip to Faulkner Pumpkin Farm

Dear Families and Friends of Our Lady's Montessori School,

First of all, I would like to thank all of our benefactors who helped support our kitchen renovation project. It is finished! Thanks to your help we now have a beautiful and clean place to prepare meals for fifty (and counting) children and staff members each day.

This month we will begin Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for the Apostles and Disciples. "The atrium is a place where the child comes to know the great realities of... life as a Christian, but also and above all, a place where the child begins to live these realities in meditation and prayer. There is nothing of the academic classroom about the Atrium; it is not a place for religious instruction but religious life." (Sofia Cavalleti, foundress of CGS)

October is also the month that we celebrate the gift of the Rosary, as we meditate on the life of Jesus with Mary, His Mother. October 7th is the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

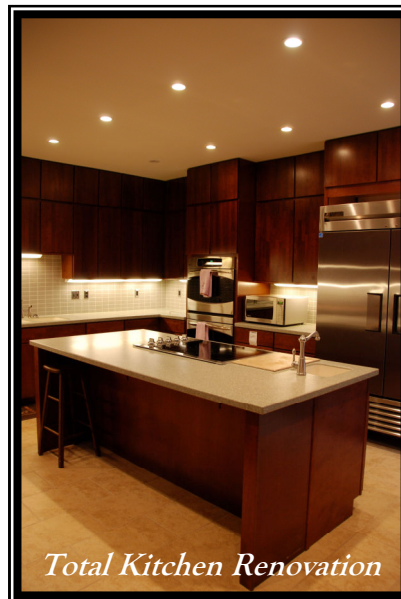
God bless you,

Sr. Mary Mediatrix of All Grace,
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Did You Know



November 2, 2012 is All Souls Day, when we remember those who have died. Please add the names of souls you would like us to pray for, at our November 3rd Mass, to the prayer box at the sign-in table.



Total Kitchen Renovation



Lighting for Staff Room

With great joy we send this newsletter sharing with you the growth at Our Lady's Montessori!

As Sister mentioned, our kitchen is now open, and as you can see from the photos, it's absolutely beautiful! When the kitchen opened we were able to begin our 4th classroom, the Apostles; they began last week with 8 children and 9 this week. We look forward to the classroom having the opportunity to normalize a bit before we add more students.

Thank you to all our friends, family and benefactors who were able to make it last Thursday for the school's first major benefit, **Re:Connect!** We enjoyed the beautiful rooftop ambiance of the Kansas City skyline and listening to Richard Louv talk about the benefits of children in nature. We were honored to have Vicki Stoecklin from White Hutchinson Learning and Leisure speak, on behalf of the school, about our upcoming outdoor renovations, creating a natural playscape for the children.

We'll be posting photos soon!

Peace, Laurel Sharpe

Little Angels

October is here, and we love the weather; it's been wonderful! The **Angels** are thriving in the classroom, learning new letters, colors and shapes. This month, they are learning about the trees, some of the things that grow on a tree, the shape of the leaves, and their different shades of colors. We will be exploring pumpkins this month by tasting, smelling, touching and hearing. We are looking forward to the field trip to the pumpkin patch on October 31st!

Our new letter for the month is "H", and our color is orange.

We would like to welcome Jack, our newest classmate, and his family to OLMS!

With Love,

Ms. Carolyn, Miss Sarah G. & Sr. Katie



Little Saints

We are so excited that Fall is here! We will be exploring all things autumn, such as the leaves turning colors and pumpkins! We are focusing on the color brown, and our shape is the rectangle. Our letter sound this month is "S" for **Saints**, snake, shell, string, snail, seal, sand, sun, smile and stamp. We will taste salami and make smoothies!

The children will be using their senses and finding different colored leaves on our nature walk. For art, we will create a masterpiece out of leaves, paint using shells to create an interesting design and do some stamping of course.

Throughout the year, we will be working on self-help skills and good manners. Our Saint this month is Our Lady of Guadalupe; she is the Virgin Mary who appeared to a young man in Mexico.

Love,

Ms. Becky, Mrs. Anita & Sr. Maria

Birthdays

Ragan Beck

Alani Interiano

Baylor Ritter

Lennox Vieux



Apostles

I am so excited to be a part of Our Lady's Montessori and start teaching in the **Apostles** room. We have had a wonderful first week! The children have enjoyed exploring their new class and making friends. One of the first things we did this week was to go out into the garden and pick flowers to place around the room. We also loved looking at the spiders and butterflies in the garden.

Since it is the month of the Holy Rosary, we will talk about the importance of the rosary and make little rosaries of our own. We will also be working on learning the Hail Mary.

This month we will spend time talking about the life cycle of a pumpkin and make some delicious pumpkin bread.

The **Apostles** are really looking forward to welcoming many new friends in the coming months.

God Bless,

Ms. Karina & Sr. Catharine

Disciples

October is the month of the Holy Rosary! We will be making little finger rosaries, learning the Guardian Angel prayer and talking about St. Francis and his love for animals and nature. We will discuss Columbus coming to the Americas on Columbus Day.

Since it is cold/flu season, we will also be talking a lot about germs, washing our hands and other healthy habits to keep us from getting sick. We will be reminding each other to "Please, please catch that sneeze! Don't let it get away!"

To help learn problem solving we will talk about Tucker Turtle. Whenever something happens to Tucker Turtle he doesn't like, he:

1. Thinks "Stop"
2. Tucks inside his shell and takes 3 deep breaths
3. Thinks of an idea

This will help teach impulse control and give the children a helpful tool to remember to think about actions prior to reacting.

At the end of October, we will learn all about pumpkins and visit Faulker Pumpkin Farm!

We welcome our new friends, Matthew, Baylor and Gianna!

God Bless,

Ms. Sarah T, Danielle & Sr. Danielle

"If you watch a child of three, you will see that he is always playing with something; this means that he is working out and making conscious, something that his unconscious mind has already absorbed."

- Maria Montessori