

Hope Montessori - May Newsletter - 2023

Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of our school year. I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for trusting us to share in the daily lives of your beautiful, curious, kind, humorous, and loving children.

The staff and I were so happy to see those parents who were able to come to the open house last week. The excitement and joy was exhilarating throughout the classrooms. The children were so eager and proud to show parents their work.

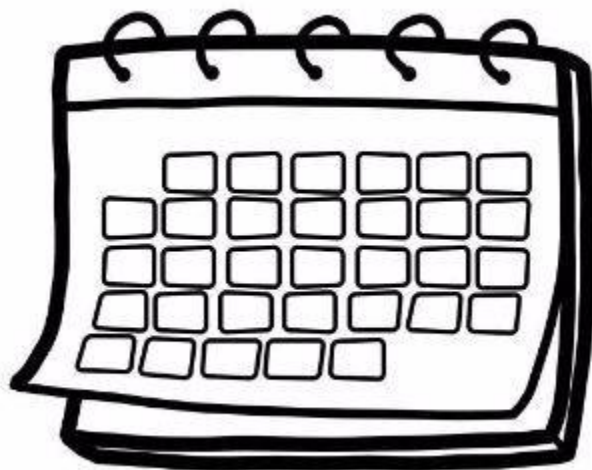
The next few weeks, will be so busy as we approach the end of the school year. The children have made new friends, shared many new experiences, and have grown and developed new skills - academic, social and emotional. It is truly amazing to see their growth since last fall!

This time of the year is definitely bittersweet for all of us at Hope. Many of our children will begin new schools in the fall, and it is our greatest wish that we have managed to give them both roots and wings. I know in my heart that children are deeply aware of how much we care for them. It is our hope that they take that feeling of love and respect with them always. The entire staff and I are deeply grateful and only wish the very best for you and your family.

Enjoy your summer!

Warmly,

Theresa



Mark your calendars:

May 11

Parent Seminar

"Practical Parenting"

May 12

Mother's Day Event

May 16

Summer Camp Meeting

May 26

Last Day of Montessori Classes

May 29

School Closed

Memorial Day

May 30 - June 2

Interim Week

June 5

Summer Camp Begins



Exciting news.....we are offering Zumba as an extra curricular class..

Hello! I'm Gaby, your new Zumba Kids Jr teacher! I have lived in St. Louis since 2007 with my husband and two boys. I am originally from Venezuela but have lived most of my life in the US. I have dedicated most of my adult life to working with kids. I have a great passion for dancing; at an early age I started practicing Rhythmic Gymnastics in Venezuela which helped

in building a strong foundation to teaching techniques, physical training, and much more. Throughout my career I have worked as a P.E. teacher for different preschools in Venezuela, Mexico, Florida and most recently years in St Louis. I have also been licensed as a Zumba instructor for adults and kids since 2012. I currently teach Zumba classes at different local gyms, an activity that I absolutely love every Zumba class I teach feels like a party!

" Zumba Kids Jr. with Gaby" classes are rocking, high-energy dance classes packed with kid-friendly routines. In Zumba Kids we break down dance steps, and add games, activities and cultural exploration elements into the class structure. For this we use hoops, scarves, ribbons, balls, and pom poms, within others, while dancing international rhythms. At the end of each class we finish with simple Kids Yoga poses to keep building strength, balance, flexibility and self- control. This class helps develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives. Classes incorporate key childhood development elements such as leadership, respect, team work, confidence, self-esteem, memory, creativity, coordination, balance, and cultural awareness. I guarantee your kids will have so much fun with this program that you will be dancing with them during summer!!!

An additional fee of \$45 per month will be charged to your account. Classes will begin on June 5, and will be held one day a week on Tuesday or Thursday morning. Please see below for form.

We are also wanting your input for fall; would be interested in enrolling your child in Spanish or Mandarin as an extra curricular class? These classes would also be an additional fee of \$45 per month, meeting once a week. Both of the foreign language classes would meet after school between 3:00 and 4:30. If you would be interested, please sign up on the sheet in the office on Patti's desk.

[Zumba Enrollment Form](#)

**Summer Camp In Person and Virtual Meeting
May 16, 4:00 p.m.**

The summer camp orientation meeting is scheduled on May 16, 4:00 p.m. If this is your child's first summer at Hope, you will find this meeting very helpful. Mark Robinson, our Summer Camp Director, will give an overview. Everyone is welcome to attend, but this meeting is especially helpful for parents of three year-olds.

Summer Camp Orientation ZOOM Link

May 16, 2023 4:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86853706648?pwd=azA0VkZRR0c3Qk1YT0RUc29pSXpEQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 5370 6648

Passcode: DR15Z0



Parent Seminar "Practical Parenting"

May 11, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

This is going to be a very informative seminar ...AMS Certified Teacher and Montessori parent, Kristen McCabe (Room 1) describes this seminar as ..."moving past the unrealistic parenting expectations we set for ourselves and focusing on practical ways to improve our relationships with our children. Come explore the "self-work" of parenting, learn to build joyful connections, and develop new strategies for challenging moments."



Mother's Day Celebration

May 12, 2023 2:30-5:15 p.m.

Treat yourself to a "picture perfect" afternoon with your child and other Hope moms as we celebrate Mother's Day. Come celebrate with photo booth fun and have your picture taken with your child at our professional photo booth provided by Big Smile. You can have fun with your child making silly poses with funny props - all you need to bring is your smile! Cookies and lemonade in the multipurpose room will complete the celebration.



Thank you to the families who helped share the wonderful Ramadan celebration. The display was so beautiful. The preparation and presentation of the holiday was so meaningful for the children and staff. We appreciate everyone's efforts.

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