

**HORSE ROOM**  
**AM class**  
**MAY 2019**

Montessori schools are known for a lot of different things, among them is introducing children to scientific topics like botany, astronomy, physics and zoology. Sciences have been incorporated into our program all year. We have been changing works on our science shelf lately to feed the children's curiosity. We started with some group presentations on performing experiments. We learned to make predictions before performing the experiment, then repeating. Magnets and water experiments have been especially popular. We dissected a flower to learn the parts of a flower and how seeds are made. Some children made pictures or books about plants. Of course, the life cycle of butterflies and ladybird beetles are being used most every day.

April always brings out a curiosity in children as we watch our world awaken to Spring. We have seen flowers bloom and leaves begin to grow on the trees. Each day seems a bit warmer. We enjoyed watching our caterpillars make their chrysalis and emerge a week later. We have watched them fly around in their habitat and sip nectar with their proboscis. The ladybugs have also emerged and were busy exploring their habitat and eating raisins. We decided that Friday was a good day to set them all free (mostly because it was finally not raining). Some of the ladybugs landed on us before saying goodbye!

Just as the kindergartners helped set our butterflies free, we are preparing to say goodbye to our kindergartners. Our morning class graduates this year are Ayaan, Luka, Seima, Julian, and Isadora. We enjoyed watching them grow and know they will soon be ready for new adventures!

We feel the children leave this 3-year program with a good foundation academically, socially, and emotionally. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or questions about our curriculum. It has been an amazing year. We know that some of you will be traveling this summer, but we look forward to the return of most friends in the fall. Thank you for choosing to be a part of our Montessori Family!

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