

KIITY ROOM - AM Class

September 30, 2018

September was a month of continued discovery for children in the Kitty Room! Over time, experiences in the Montessori prepared learning environment are helping all of the children develop a strong work cycle. This sets the foundation upon which learning from all areas of the classroom stands. The Montessori work cycle is defined as follows:

1. *Choose a work*
2. *Carry the work with two hands to a table (or a prepared rug) and put it down*
3. *Pull out a chair (if applicable)*
4. *Sit down*
5. *Complete the work*
6. *Make sure all parts of the work are back in place/on the tray/in the basket*
7. *Stand*
8. *Push in the chair (if applicable)*
9. *Carry the work with two hands and place it back in its proper location*
10. *Return to rug, roll it up with two hands, and carefully return it to the rug basket (if applicable)*

What a joyful observation it is to witness each child's development of concentration/focus and joy in discovery through the work cycle! New MSCU students have tried many beginning level works and are moving on to try new levels of study. Returning Montessori students are expanding upon their prior experiences and engaging with increasingly complex materials. Third year (kindergarten) students shine in their roles as classroom leaders and mentors to the younger children.

As a team, the children support one another in maintaining a peaceful classroom. Through songs, stories, poems and group activities we reinforce the use of indoor voices and walking indoor feet during work time. We contrast this to the healthy use of outdoor voices and running outdoor feet during playground time. Kindness, helpfulness and friendship are encouraged in all we do. The goal is to be good stewards of our school and our world!

A special thank you to Ms. Amy Nussmeyer for visiting the Kitty Room to read a story about apples and to assist the children with an apple craft project. We are so thankful Ms. Nussmeyer is our friend!

A special 4TH Happy Birthday wish to Chung and congratulations upon the birth of his sibling!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lynn Holland