

KITTY ROOM - AM Class

August 31, 2018

Welcome to the Kitty Room! My name is Ms. Lynn Holland and I am your child's morning teacher. I have been a Montessori educator for over 30 years and this year marks my thirteenth season at MSCU. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Kaylen Weaver as our assistant teacher. She is an enthusiastic young educator with a great love for the children! Mrs. Weaver also coordinates MSCU's Pathways Program. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of growth and development with your children in our Montessori prepared learning environment!

Each morning begins with line time. We sing a greeting song with movement. Next, we visit the calendar to determine the date (days of the week songs and month of the year poem). Adding a gem to the gem jar and counting how many days of school we have enjoyed to date is always highly anticipated by the children. Attendance is taken. A new table or rug work is presented to the children. A brief fingerplay or song centers the children back on the line for sharing a story. The children are excused to the Montessori work time.

Many of our first year and youngest students spend concentrated time in Practical Life. The Practical Life area of the classroom is so appealing because it offers everyday experiences using authentic tools and household items. Activities may pertain to care of self (handwashing, dressing frames), care of the classroom (chair scrubbing, floor sweeping), fine motor development (spooning, pouring), care of animals (feeding, cleaning classroom pets), and gross motor control (walking slowly in the environment, carrying a tray of work with two hands). Practical Life builds a strong foundation for all academic areas of the Montessori classroom by increasing focus and attention span and nurturing independence and self-motivation.

Below you will find our approximate daily schedule in the Kitty Room. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lynn Holland

Morning Routine in the Kitty Room (Times may vary based on activity/theme of the day.)

8:25 to 8:45am- Children arrive in the classroom and select from a book table, drawing table and/or gross motor activities.

8:45 to 9:10am- Line time. We sing a greeting song with movement. Visit the calendar to determine the date (days of the week songs and month of the year poem). Add a gem to the gem jar and count how many days of school we have enjoyed to date. Attendance is taken. A new table or rug work is presented to the children. A brief fingerplay to center the children back on the line. Story time. Excuse to choose their Montessori work.

9:10 to 10:45am- Montessori work time. Children moving freely throughout the Kitty Room and select works from all areas of the curriculum. Teacher/assistant teacher may offer individual or small group presentations. Teacher may invite children to the sound table. Children may work alone, with a partner or in a small group. This is a busy and focused time! If a child needs a break, he/she may have a quiet time in the book corner. If a child is hungry, he/she may visit the snack table.

10:45 to 11am- Music box signals clean up time for all. Meet back at the line for a story. Gather backpacks. Line up for the playground.

11-11:25 or 11:40am- Outdoor play until it's time for your child to go home or transition to another part of his/her day at MSCU.