

HORSE ROOM - AM Class

September 2018

Welcome to the Horse Room. My name is Julie Warren and I am your child's morning teacher. I have been at MSCU for over 30 years now and am looking forward to a wonderful year with your children. Kerry Rossow is also returning to the Horse Room. You will see her smiling face when you drop off your child in the drive up. She will be in the Horse Room each day until noon.

Today we put gem number 5 into a jar as we begin counting each day of school. We will have a celebration on the 100th day of school. We also count the boys and girls each day and add to see how many friends we have altogether.

We are happy to see many of our first-year students spending time in the "**Practical Life**" area of the classroom. The children are often drawn to this area because of the water and small glass items. They have seen adults using similar items. This area is thought of as a bridge between the world of the child and the world of the adult. Here the child learns to choose a work, complete a work, and return a work to its proper place. This increases their sense of confidence, independence, and organization. Most of the activities are self-correcting and through concentration and repetition the child is able to complete the tasks on his/her own. Also, in this area the child is refining the small motor skills needed to do more complex works in the classroom such as multiplication beads, handwriting, and reading!

Thank you to those of you who have been saying goodbye to your child at the front door. This shows your child that you are confident in him/her and you are comfortable with the school and teachers. This is such a positive way to start the day.

Reminder: We have some children at our school with severe nut allergies. We would like our school to remain "nut-free", so please refrain from sending any food in your child's backpack. Many packaged snacks can be processed near peanuts. Thank you for understanding. Also remember that your child has access to a water fountain, sink, and paper cups. Please do not send water bottles with your child. It is often hard to keep them from spilling or sharing.

We will post a monthly note from our classroom on our website. Be sure to check out www.montessorischoolofcu.org for notes and pictures of the children! Go to **Current Families**, click on **Classrooms**, then click on **Horse Room**. You will also receive a note from the office each Thursday with school information. This week's e-mail will contain information about our Family Picnic and Picture Day.

Looking forward to another great year at MSCU!

Julie Warren

MORNING SCHEDULE

7:30 - 8:25 Early drop off. Children who are signed up for early drop-off should be taken to the Bird room.

8:25 - 8:40 You can use the drive up to drop off your child. Children gather in their morning class to socialize, check on pets, and participate in various movement games.

8:45 - 9:00 Group time begins. You may wish to observe from the viewing window at this time. We will be moving the calendar, adding a gem, counting friends, and gathering for story time.

9:00 - 10:30 Individual work time

10:30 - 11:00 Clean up classroom; gather for group time with movement games, songs, and a story.

11:00 - 11:40 Outdoor play time
(Half-day friends prepare to go home at 11:25)

11:40 Children go to their afternoon classroom

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch in our classrooms