The Nurtury News

October 16

INSIDE OUR CLASSROOM

NEWS & UPDATES

On Halloween Monday, October 31st we will have a parade to the Montessori Children's Garden. Your child may come to school in their costume or bring it to change into. We will walk together to the pre-school and parade through their classrooms. The parade will start at 9 a.m. Parents are welcome to come! If you would like to bring treats for your child's class on Halloween we encourage you to bring a healthy snack. Some suggestions include muffins/breads, fruit, cheese or crackers.

Our center-wide Pumpkin unit will be the week of October 24-28th. We are looking forward to having our own "pumpkin patch" on the playground for the children. The children will have the opportunity to choose a pumpkin from the patch and decorate it.

Submit a fun fall picture! We would like to display your family's fun fall photos on our pumpkin patch window! Email your family's photo to lamontessorinurtury@gmail.com or feel free to bring one in. Send us your photos of your family visiting a pumpkin patch or apple orchard, playing in the leaves, carving a pumpkin, etc.

Yoga, Gymnastics & Soccer fall enrichment classes are off to a great start! Watch for weekly updates on La Montessori Nurtury's Facebook page. As the colder weather approaches and we have less playground time, consider signing your child up for one of the indoor options for the next enrollment period.

Next month we will start our Holiday Service Project for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. We will be starting it a little earlier this year so we can have all of our collections donated prior to the new Children's Hospital opening at the beginning of December.

Annual *For Small Hands* School Credit Promotion will begin the first of November. Watch for catalogs and order forms to be sent home. *For Small Hands* is a Montessori inspired company created by a Montessori teacher with the goal of providing a resource for parents to incorporate Montessori materials used in Montessori schools in their home. This is a great way for parents, grandparents, and other friends and relatives to purchase Montessori inspired gifts for your child this holiday season! La Montessori Nurtury will receive a percentage of the total sales in *For Small Hands* credit to use toward new classroom supplies. We look forward to continuing this annual tradition!

-As the temperatures get cooler don't forget to change out your child's extra clothing in their cubby and bring a jacket for your child to wear outside.

-We post many updates on La Montessori Nurtury's Facebook page. Be sure to "like" the page to stay up to date on communication and what is going on in our classrooms!

nido

Happy fall! The Nido classroom has been busy, as it seems many of our kiddos have begun pulling themselves up, rolling over and crawling around. This month look for a painting activity to be sent home, we will practice our favorite sense, touch! We also will be continuing to use baby sign language with the infants who are eating in a high chair, as they learn how to hold a spoon and cup while they eat. With the cooler weather we hope to explore the playground more, so don't forget a light jacket and something to cover our feet.

Please don't forget to daily label your child's breast milk containers and lids with their full name as we have lots of children with similar containers. Also, be sure to clean out your child's white cubby and update their clothing for appropriate sizes and season.

bambino I

Last month more friends learned how to walk and now the crawlers are transitioning to standing with assistance. We love to see them take more steps into independence every day. Our older friends are learning to use work mats more during work cycles, and it is amazing to see how they can get it and transfer it to a spot in the classroom to do their work.
This month with the autumn season arriving, it has been wonderful to introduce Bambino I to events that happen during the fall. The children have been learning about all of the different ways tractors are used during harvest time. Bambino I has also been learning about life on the farm by doing work like corn shucking, talking about the various animals that live on a farm, and even practicing how to dress like they are getting ready to chore by learning how to put on gloves and farm boots. The children love dancing to the tractor song on our Blippi CD as well as singing "Old McDonald Had a Farm" during line time.

bambino II

Happy fall from Bambino II! Our class has been progressing more and more. Lately we have really enjoyed line time and reading books. We have wanted to read many books so Ms. Chelsea has been regularly visiting the North Liberty Library to check-out new ones for the class! This month our class is learning about seasons. We have enjoyed focusing on fall and learning (and observing) what the trees and weather do!

Some of the work our class has been using to incorporate this theme has been using a fall themed sensory bin, hanging spider rings and making a pattern with them, sorting acorn bells, and matching various leaves. At line time we have been learning and naming the four seasons and discussing the changing weather each season brings. At the end of the month we will have a center-wide pumpkin unit during which our class will be able to choose a pumpkin from a pumpkin patch on the playground and decorate it! We are also looking forward to having a guest speaker from the Colony Pumpkin Patch at the end of the month.

pre-primary

Pre-Primary spent September learning about the world and our role in it. We learned about world geography, cultures, and our homes. We ate food from around the world, looked at cultural objects, and learned songs from around the world. We finished September with an All About Me unit. We built our confidence and social skills by telling our friends what we like, what we are good at, and what we like about each other.
We are looking forward to cooler weather, changing leaves, and Halloween! We will be learning about leaves, apples, acorns, pinecones, and pumpkins. We will even have a guest speaker from the Colony Pumpkin Patch come to our classroom! Happy fall!

FAMILY FOCUS

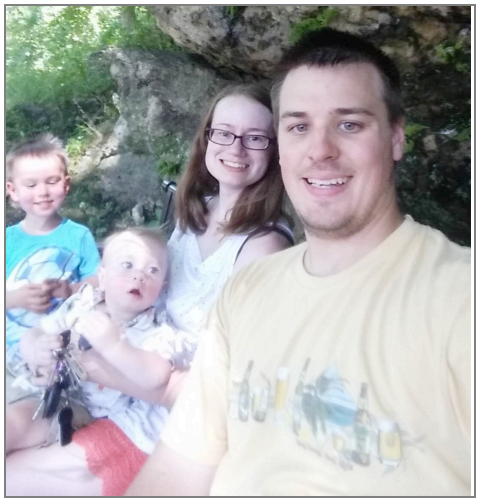
The Meyer Family: Nick, Meghan, Harrison & Graham

The Meyer family loves to cheer on the Hawkeyes! They also enjoy swimming, boat rides, and reading books. Their favorite restaurant is anywhere that has macaroni and cheese for Harrison ☺ In addition to cheering on the Hawkeyes in football and basketball they are also Chicago Cubs fans! An interesting fact about their family is that both boys were almost born on holidays. Harrison was almost a Halloween baby (but came on Oct. 29) and Graham was 26 minutes away from being an April Fool's baby. They chose La Montessori Nurtury because they wanted a place where their boys would learn in a calm and caring environment.

The Knipper Family: Katy, Kyle, Ellie & William

The Knipper family loves to travel together. This past summer they traveled to California and visited Yosemite National Park, Avila Beach, Pismo Beach, and Santa Barbara. They are looking forward to visiting apple orchards this fall. They also love to play outside with their bikes, swings, and balls! Their favorite restaurant is Blackstone. They are Hawkeye fans and their favorite sport to cheer for is Hawkeye football! An interesting fact about their family is that they live right next-door to Will and Ellie's cousin ☺ They chose La Montessori Nurtury because they love that their children are able to explore new activities and learn at their own pace.

The Sorensen Family: Jacob, Tara, David & Joseph



The Sorensen family enjoys spending time outside, swim lessons, movie nights, and vacations to new places. Their favorite restaurant is Osaka Japanese Steak House and Sushi Bar—they love the entertaining hibachi! Their favorite sports are soccer and swimming and they also enjoy taking walks and bike rides together. An interesting fact about their family is that they started their family in Iowa and they have family spread across 13 states (they are the only ones that live in Iowa). They chose La Montessori Nurtury because they believe the Montessori method is best and education is very important to them.