

APRIL 2024

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## Highland Pre- School



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **Naturescape Day**

Thursday 4/11

#### **April Vacation**

No School 4/15-4/19

#### **Book Orders Due**

Wednesday 4/24

### A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

The *Montessori work cycle* is a fundamental aspect of the educational philosophy developed by Dr. Maria Montessori. It refers to a structured period of time within the classroom where children engage in self-directed, play-based learning activities. This block of time in the Montessori work cycle is crucial for children's development because it allows them to deeply engage with their chosen activities without distractions. The uninterrupted focus promotes concentration, independence, and self-discipline. It also enables children to fully immerse themselves in their learning experiences, leading to greater mastery of skills and concepts. Additionally, uninterrupted work time fosters a sense of autonomy and confidence as children take ownership of their learning journey.

“The child has a mind able to absorb knowledge. He has the power to teach himself.”

- Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*

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### BOOKS, SONGS, POEMS

*'Mr. Moon'*

The Planets

Our Earth

*Jennie Jenkins*

*The Planets*

*'I am a Tree'*

### APRIL THEMES

**Practical Life:** celebrating Earth Day with land/air/water themed practical life transferring lessons; introduction to sewing

**Art:** Spring art; solar system tracing and painting; Artist Unit Study: Juan Miro

**Sensorial:** using stereognostic sense for pairing and matching objects

**Math:** measuring with a ruler; coin sorting; money exchange game; seasonal variations with Montessori materials

**Language:** Spring word wall; story elements; Springtime poetry, planets syllable clapping

**Science/Culture:** Solar System introduction; signs of spring; Animals of the World

Individualized activities and lessons are recorded on Montessori Compass. Activity Reports are generated and distributed weekly. Check daily for pictures!

Thank you for helping to make our Mystery Reader Program such an ongoing success! A Mystery Reader Program in early childhood encourages family involvement, boosts literacy, and enhances social skills through surprise readings by family members. It fosters a love for reading, cultural exposure, and builds confidence in children while promoting critical thinking and listening skills.