

PANORAMA MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. It is so nice to see all the returning students and meet all the new students and their families.

September is a busy month for sure. It takes time for children to settle in the classroom, get on with the routine and build new friendships. Yes, there was quite a bit of crying! Some of you were happy you didn't work here! We are pleased to say that the children are settled and we see great smiles everyday. Everyone is aware of the routines, rules and school expectations.

There were a few themes addressed this month. We talked about "school rules", "feelings" and "keeping away from germs".

SCHOOL RULES

We discussed how we can use our hands. We talked mostly about positive things like giving hugs, helping, sharing and eating with hands. We discussed that we can push swings with hands and not people. We also sang a few songs about hands that you can sing with your child.

Open, shut them
Open, shut them
Give a little clap, clap, clap
Open, shut them
Open, shut them
Put them on your lap, lap, lap
Creep them, crawl them, creep them, crawl them
Right up to your chin, chin, chin
Open up your little mouth
But do not let them in, in, in.

Up and down, round and round, put your fingers on the ground
Over, under, in between
Now my fingers can't be seen!
Hands in front, hands behind, now my fingers I cannot find
Here's my left, here's my right,
Hands and fingers back in sight

FEELINGS

We talked about how to use words to express feelings. We also discussed on how children might feel sometimes when their parents leave and they have to at school. We discussed how to respect other people's feelings and remember to use kind words all the time.

GERMS

“Germs” was our main theme as we strive to keep the school clean at all times. We do bleach our materials, tables and bathrooms at least two to three times a day. We are teaching children to cover their coughs, sneezes and to keep their hands out of their mouths at all times. We make sure children wash their hands before eating snack and at other times when we feel necessary.

We have gone through the steps of hand washing and how germs can spread from person to person. Children have taken interest in this topic and have learnt to wash their hands properly with reminders. We have asked children not to kiss their friends but instead blow flying kisses to friends. We asked them to save kisses for mums and dads. We thank all the parents who kept their children home when they were sick. Because of your cooperation we have been able to keep sickness out of the classroom so far. We hope to do the same the rest of the flu season.

We also watched a ½ hr video on hand washing techniques. We put powder on children’s hands and let them work in the classroom for a little while. After that, we turned the lights off and used special light to see where we see powder prints. We used this technique to show them how germs can spread to everything we touch and therefore it is necessary to keep our hands clean.

We also sang this song;

Wash, wash, wash your hands
Wash them everyday
Soap and water will do the trick
To keep the germs away.

We have already started individualized teaching. We have been reading and learning the alphabets/numbers with some students. Students have been given notebooks in the classroom that we use to write and draw in. Some children may be getting reading assignments to practice at home.

If you have any questions, let us know by phone 604 861 7861 or email info@panoramamontessori.com. The website will be up and running shortly and we will keep updating the website with current events at school.

Regards,
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