



Rockledge Montessori News



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SEPTEMBER 2012

We will be CLOSED

Labor Day

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September 10th, Monday

Teacher In-Service Day

No School for 3-6 Class

After Care for Full Day Only

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Open House

for

Prospective Families

September 4-7, 9-11 A.M.

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Student Photos

Friday, September 21st

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The Joys of a New School Year

Administrator's Notes

Welcome to all of our new and returning students! Summer camp was a great success and went so quickly! The children had a lot of fun with water play, arts and crafts and all the themed activities we did over the summer. The toddlers also thoroughly enjoyed being invited to join in some of the activities with the older ones. Many thanks to Mrs. Fraleigh and Ms. Brown for all their hard work!

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. The transition in the classrooms has been smooth and calm, thanks to

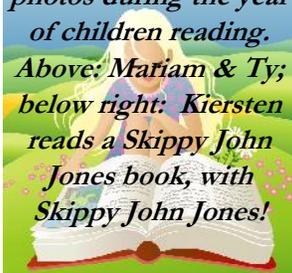
prepared teachers and moms and dads! We are looking forward to an exciting year with your children.

Please invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers with little ones to visit us during Open House the week of September 4-7.

Cindy Maslin,

Administrator

*We love books!
You will see many photos during the year of children reading.
Above: Mariam & Ty;
below right: Kiersten reads a Skippy John Jones book, with Skippy John Jones!*



Remy completes the hanging teen beads



Mrs. Mammay has a couple of furry new friends in her class, Digger & Excavator



Reminders for Parents



COMING UP IN OCTOBER

- OCTOBER 5—MIXED BAGS FUNDRAISER KICKS OFF
- OCTOBER 15 — TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY—NO 3-6 CLASS—FULL DAY ONLY After Care

Here are a few 'beginning of school' reminders to make everyone's day go a little bit smoother:

- The left lane of the car loop is for dropping off and picking up in front of the gate; the right lane is for pulling over and parking momentarily, to walk up and meet your child at the gate.
- If a child spends part of their day in two classrooms, please keep a bag of extra clothes in both rooms.
- Check the white board in the breezeway for daily and weekly reminders.





Rockledge Montessori — Education for a Lifetime

Mrs. Fraleigh's 3-6 & VPK Montessori Classes



Delaney does a beautiful job with the hand washing lesson

The children have had a great start to the new school year! We've learned the rules and routine of the classroom and reviewed basic lessons. The children made table setting placemats to use each day for lunchtime. They are learning to use nice manners and clean up their placemats after they eat.

During VPK time, we read *A Perfect Time for Pandas* by Mary Pope Osborne with learning activities such as parts of the panda. Please encourage your children to

share with you what they are learning each day and to bring their work folders with them each morning.

In September, we will focus on the changing of the seasons and the start of our fall gardens. If anyone would like to donate fall flowers or vegetable plants, we will give them a great home.

Our kindergartners are enjoying going to read to the toddler classes— take a look below and on our Facebook page!



Jeremy practices his number writing

Mrs. Mammay's 3-6 & VPK Montessori Classes



Jack focuses on the parts of a leaf lesson

The children are settling into their school routine very nicely. We've been busy! In August, our morning class learned about the calendar and practiced letter sounds. The children continue to progress with their Montessori lessons and are eager for new tasks. During VPK time, we read *Hour of the Olympics* by Mary Pope Osborne, practiced many letter names and sounds, and learned about syllables. Ask your child to clap the syllables in some everyday words!

In September, we will learn about the change of seasons and observe any changes in the outdoor environment. VPK students will be given the Period 1 Assessment, with an informational summary sent home upon completion.

Calista and Reese finish reading Mat in Set 1 of the Bob Books



Mrs. Smith's Two Year Old Class



Sidharth works on shape & color matching

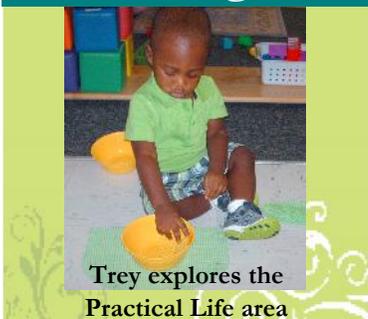
During August, the Two Year Old class welcomed our new friends Julian and Alexander. We explored the theme of friends and welcomed back returning friends. We also worked with circles and the colors red and green.

In September, we will continue exploring the theme of friendship, learning about personal space and how to be a friend that is kind and helpful, along with a study of apples and leaves.



Madison works on a matching lesson

Mrs. Rodriguez' One Year Old Class



Trey explores the Practical Life area

We're growing! We've welcomed Avery, Perry, Slone, and Alden to our class in August, and Cynthia and Olivia in September! Avery and Cooper are moving up to the Two Year Old class already.

The children are getting used to our routine. They are enjoy trying different art projects, our story times and music and movement. In September, we will focus on apples, the color red, transportation, the farm, the fall season and the number two.



Gabriella reads to the Ones