

# ABSORBENT OBSERVER

September 2020

## **Resource Reminders**

We are officially on Volume 4 of this newsletter and have put together an index to make finding past topics easier. We wish for this to be helpful insight into our philosophies and practices and have answered a lot of questions over the last three years through this resource. Please reach out with any questions and feel free to share with others! It's great to have so many new faces and thought that even those of you that have been with us for a while would benefit from this!

#### **Absorbent Observer Vol. 1-3 Index**

- 1.1 Jan'18 Welcome/Procedures/Prep
  - Backpack checklist/Communication
- 1.2 Feb '18 Not Just What We Say but How We Say It
  - Donations/Spring Break Camp
- 1.3 March '18 Tell them what they CAN do
  - Layers/Tags to Toes
- **1.4 April '18** Freedom Within Limits AND The Value of Conflict and Conflict Resolution
  - Prepared for Comfort/At school, we are all friends
- 1.5 May '18 Curricular Overview
  - Spring semester overview, songs we sing
- **2.1 Sept '18** Montessori Is... AND Philosophy and Practices
- **2.2 Oct '18** Blending Montessori Insight with Contemporary Research
- **2.3 Nov'18** Benefits of Outdoor Play in Winter AND Attitudes about Cold AND Safety First
  - Stone Soup
- **2.4 Jan/Feb '19** Benefits of Limits (Extension of 1.4)
- **2.5 March '19** Opportunity and Practice
  - Tadpoles/layers
- **2.6 April '19** Redirecting Undesirable Play
- **2.7 May '19** Montessori Inspiration (Child/Adult/Environment)
  - Greenhouse
- 2.8 June '19 Power of Play

- 2.9 July '19 Summertime
  - Rain/morning/chrysalis/frog songs
- 2.10 Aug '19 Resolving Conflict Away from School
  - After school programming
- 3.1 Sept '19 Importance of Early Childhood Education AND Sensitive Periods
  - Instead of ABCs (sounds)/Sign Language
- 3.2 Oct '19 Magnificence of Multi-Age
  - Seasonal shift
- 3.3 Nov'19 Individual Education for Independence
  - Stone soup
- 3.4 Dec'19 Semester Wrap Up
- 3.5 Jan/Feb '20 Outdoor Early Childhood Education
- Spring Break Camp/parent's morning out/ stand up diaper changing/conferences
- 3.6 March '20 Conference Wrap Up
  - Appropriate responsibilities at home
- **3.7 April '20** Adopting and Normalizing New Routines AND Practical Life AND Pandemic
  - helping In the kitchen
- 3.8 May '20 Reciprocal Support AND Preparation for Return
  - helping In the home
- 3.9 June '20 Reopened and Adjusting
  - Butterfly life cycle
- 3.10 July/Aug '20 Education for PEACE
  - Nonprofit news/Bean plant life cycle

Any suggestions for future topics are always appreciated!





# **Fall Photo Weeks!**

We are excited to have Kaelee Denise Photography back at the barn this fall. She will be doing fall photos for both morning and afternoon programs. Morning sprout photo week is September 14-17 and afternoon seedlings will be from September 21-24.

We will send more info in an email!

# **Meet the Teachers!**

We are so lucky to have such an amazing team!
Pictured below are those that have regular schedules with us this fall. We have multiple other incredible folks not pictured that substitute teach, volunteer, and work in other ways with us! We hope this helps you recognize us and makes talking to your child about their teachers easier.

Ms. Julia



Co-Founder Lead Teacher 5 mornings, 4 afternoons

#### Ms. Thea



Co-Founder
Director
5 mornings, 2 afternoons

Ms. MK



5 mornings Monday afternoons

#### Ms. Brittany



5 mornings 4 afternoons

### Ms. Kelsie



**MTWF** mornings

Ms. Madeline



**Thursday mornings** 

Ms. Allison



**MWF** mornings

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5 mornings T/Th afternoons

Ms. Tristan



**MWF** mornings



T/Th mornings Weds. afternoons

Ms. Elaine



T/Th mornings

### **FALL CONFERENCES**

We are looking forward to offering optional Fall parent/teacher conferences with our Sprout (morning) program families during the weeks of October 5-15. Please be on the lookout for more info and to sign-up!

### **Important Dates**

- Fundraiser Event!
  Friday, September 4 | 4 7 p.m.

  Join us at 185 King Street for a socially distanced, art show fundraiser featuring local artists and vendors as well as art projects that students and teachers have been working on! Click for more info!
- CLOSED (morning + afternoon)
  September 7 | Labor Day
- Photo Weeks
  September 14-17 | Mornings
  September 21-24 | Afternoons
  Kaelee Denise will be doing Fall
  photos again this year! More info to
  follow.
- Fall Conferences
  October 5th 15th
  More info will be sent via email.
- CLOSED: Fall Break
  October 19-23
- CLOSED: Thanksgiving Break November 23 -27
- Last Day of Fall Semester
  Afternoons: November 13
  Mornings: December 18

Fall Payment #1 (afternoons) Due:
Thursday, Sept 3
Fall Payment #2 (morning) Due:
Wednesday, Sept 9
Fall Payment #3 (morning) Due:
Wednesday, Oct 7
Final Payment (afternoons) Due:
Thursday, Oct 8