THE Vol: 5 Issue: 1 ABSORBENT OBSERVER September 2021

### **Resource Reminders**

We are officially on Volume 5 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 four 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! Even if you have been with us through the years, we are sure that refreshing yourself on these topics will be insightful and useful.

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3.6 March '20 Conference Wrap Up **Absorbent Observer Vol. 1-4 Index** - Appropriate responsibilities at home 1.1 Jan '18 Welcome/Procedures/Prep 3.7 April '20 Adopting and Normalizing New Routines - Backpack checklist/Communication AND Practical Life AND Pandemic 1.2 Feb '18 Not Just What We Say but How We Say It - helping In the kitchen - Donations/Spring Break Camp 3.8 May '20 Reciprocal Support AND Preparation for 1.3 March '18 Tell them what they CAN do Return - Layers/Tags to Toes - helping In the home 1.4 April '18 Freedom Within Limits AND The Value 3.9 June '20 Reopened and Adjusting of Conflict and Conflict Resolution - Butterfly life cycle - Prepared for Comfort/At school, we are all 3.10 July/Aug '20 Education for PEACE friends - Nonprofit news/Bean plant life cycle 1.5 May '18 Curricular Overview 4.2 Oct '20 Set up for Success - Spring semester overview, songs we sing - parents and teachers as partners and the benefits 2.1 Sept '18 Montessori Is... AND Philosophy and of shifting into colder weather Practices - Fall song 2.2 Oct '18 Blending Montessori Insight with 4.3 Nov '20 Three Period Lessons and Beyond **Contemporary Research** - How we talk about their work 2.3 Nov '18 Benefits of Outdoor Play in Winter AND - How we talk about their art Attitudes about Cold AND Safety First 4.4 Dec'20 From Fall to Winter - Stone Soup 4.5 Jan/Feb '21 Welcome Back to the Barn AND Bridging 2.4 Jan/Feb '19 Benefits of Limits (Extension of 1.4) School and Home 2.5 March '19 Opportunity and Practice - Greenhouse Update - Tadpoles/layers 4.6 March '21 Our Unique Take on Montessorian Insight 2.6 April '19 Redirecting Undesirable Play - Seasonal Shift Towards Spring 2.7 May '19 Montessori Inspiration (Child/Adult/ - Seasons Song Environment) 4.7 April '21 Teaching Empathy AND Cooperative Skills - Greenhouse - Frog Life Cycle AND Song 2.8 June '19 Power of Play **<u>4.8 May '21</u>** Community Driven from the Start 2.9 July '19 Summertime - Semester Wrap Up - Rain/morning/chrysalis/frog songs 4.9 Summer '21 The Importance of Children in Nature 2.10 Aug '19 Resolving Conflict Away from School - Last Child in the Woods - After school programming Any suggestions for future topics are always appreciated! **3.1 Sept '19** Importance of Early Childhood Happy 4 year anniversary to our program! **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

### 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. Afternoon Seedlings will be from September 20-23. Morning Sprout photo week is October 4-8. We will send more details closer to those dates!

HARVEST FESTIVAL - October 23 Save the date and be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities and more info coming soon!!

## **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, 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. MK



5 mornings Mon & Thurs afternoons

#### Ms. Tristan



#### MWF mornings Tues-Thurs afternoons

#### Ms. Lindsay



Friday mornings Tues-Thurs afternoons





Co-Founder Director 5 mornings, afternoons as needed

# Ms. Leah



5 mornings 4 afternoons

Ms. Ellen



Tues/Thurs mornings

#### Ms. Chelsea



Friday mornings



### **Important Dates**

- CLOSED (morning + afternoon) September 7 | Labor Day
- Fall Game Night Sunday, September 19 | **2 - 5 p.m.** Join us at 185 King Street for a fun family game day. We will also be selling fall plants and merch!

Photo Weeks September 20-23 | **Afternoons** October 4-8 | **Mornings** Kaelee Denise will be doing Fall photos again this year!

- Harvest Festival Saturday, October 23 | **10-1**
- Fall Conferences October 20th - 29th More info sent via email!
- CLOSED: Fall Break October 11-15
- CLOSED: Thanksgiving Break November 22 -26
  - Last Day of Fall Semester Afternoons: November 18 Mornings: December 17

Fall Payment #2 Due: Wednesday, Sept 15 Fall Payment #3 Due: Wednesday, Oct 13



#### Ms. Allison



5 mornings Tues. afternoons

#### Ms. Sarah



M/W mornings M/W afternoons