

Wishing you a very warm welcome to our new school year at Montessori School of Cayman! We have had such a wonderful start and are delighted to see the new children settling in nicely and returning children so enthusiastic to be back. During our school year, we will be exploring different projects, some lasting one week and others we will explore in more depth over two or more weeks. Each month, you will be sent a Newsletter with important dates and information, and a Project Calendar, which will note which activities or topics we will be exploring! Our parents will also receive a weekly update via email, summarising the various activities and topics that have been explored throughout the week. It's most important that we spend the first few weeks of school allowing the children to settle into their routine and programme. We will be spending the month

of September becoming familiar with the Montessori work cycle and our ground rules at school. We will be focusing on introducing Grace and Courtesy lessons to the children in each programme.

Grace and Courtesy activities are explained as part of this newsletter.

## **GRACE & COURTESY**

During the month of September as we all become familiar with our new routines, we will be focusing on Grace and Courtesy. Grace and Courtesy activities guide children as they learn social expectations, how to control their movements and how to communicate appropriately with their teachers and peers. Some of these lessons will include walking in the classroom, carrying work carefully, introducing themselves, greeting and welcoming a visitor, waiting one's turn, sitting to eat at lunch, asking for assistance, etc.

These exercises help the child to develop a respect for their environment at school, at home and in the community. We encourage all parents and caregivers to continue with Grace and Courtesy lessons at home in order to help create a link between your child's home and school lives. If you have any guestions please don't hesitate to ask a teacher.

## **Important Reminders**

- Just a friendly reminder to ensure that your child has everything they need at school with them for the day and that their items are labelled. This includes a packed lunch, a spare change of clothes, diapers & wipes (if applicable), a hat for outside playtime, a water bottle and a pair of indoor shoes.
- If necessary, please apply sunscreen or insect repellent to your child at home before the school day so that they are protected for the time they spend outside playing!
- Half Day Pick-Up is between 12:15-12:30pm & Full Day Pick-Up is between 3:00-3:15pm.

"There is a great sense of community within the Montessori classroom, where children of differing ages work together in an atmosphere of cooperation rather than competitiveness. There is respect for the environment and for the individuals within it, which comes through experience of freedom within the community." - Dr. Maria Montessori



## SEPTEMBER 2022

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Mark your Calendars! October 8th - Family Coffee Morning 8:45am-10:45am October 14th - Staff In-Service Day. School is closed for students October 17th-21st - Half Term Break! MSC is open for Halloween Camp				1 Ms. India's Birthday!	2	3
				8 Hayden's 4th Birthday!	9	10
) 11	12 Hudson's 3rd Birthday! and Ms. Bri's Birthday!	13	14	15	16	17 Locky & Teddy's 2nd Birthday!
18	<b>19</b> Public Holiday - Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral School is closed	20 Filomena's 4th Birthday!	21	22	23 Sofia's 2nd Birthday!	24
25	26	27	28 Aila's 4th Birthday!	29	30	