

AROUND THE HOUSE



OUR COMMUNITY

I recently finished Ross Gay's, "The Book of Delights." Ross Gay, a poet by trade, committed himself to writing (in pencil on paper) about something that delighted him (almost) every day for an entire year. The book is a collection of his essayettes. What struck me most about his essayettes was that he most often found delight where the light bumped up against the darkness. I hope that you are finding the light in this strange, dark time. Tend to your light. Remind yourself that you can and should find joy even when it is hard.

I want to personally thank our **teachers** and share with you how impressed I am with their commitment to education. In literally a moment's notice, they had to change how they taught entirely. They transformed CHM from a hands-on learning environment to an e-learning platform. The teachers had to learn what a "Zoom" meeting was and how to safely and effectively deliver instructional materials.

I want to personally thank all of our **families** for their commitment to being our partners in e-learning....WHILE juggling working from home or still having to travel to work or facing the loss of a job; WHILE caring for babies or toddlers or parents or (hopefully not!) family members who are ill; WHILE managing

the needs of families with breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, more snacks, laundry, house cleaning; WHILE trying to carve out a quiet moment. It is not easy. Remember to practice grace and courtesy for yourself.

I want to personally thank those who are or who have family members who are deemed **essential workers** doing this time. You are keeping us all safe and sane. I hope you are safe and sane as well.

Thank you for your support! Danielle Giuseffi, Director

FROM THE PRIMARY CLASSROOMS

8:15/8:30

We miss being at school with your children and we are sure your children miss school as well. We will put our continent study on hold for the time being and focus on other subjects. As you know Montessori is more about the process than the product. We will be sending out emails with activities we would normally be doing at school that you could do at home with your child if you wish.

Mrs. Butler, Miss Parastou, Mrs. Verchio, & Mrs. Gibson

Kindergarten

Kindergartners will be creating a non-fiction book about a North American animal that they have researched. Hopefully, when we return to school, the children will be able to read their books and share their illustrations with the primary and elementary children in May. The children will continue reading many new books and will continue to enhance their reading skills by learning about digraphs: wh, sh, th, and ch. Math lessons will consist of place value, writing subtraction sentences, becoming efficient with recognizing and writing numbers 21-99, in addition with working with a hundred chart. Kindergartners will also finish their mapping unit.

Sincerely, Mrs. Verchio



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