

Elementary – January 11, 2019



This week, we honor the beautiful and talented Elementary staff and say thank you for all that you do. Each Montessori teacher knows that it is the work of the adults to foster love, skills, knowledge, and self-confidence. The adult gives the children the means to say to themselves, "I am worthy"... "I know how to function in society"... "I know I can ask others for help"... "I know I can get along."

If you walked into any Elementary environment, you would see children deep in concentration on various projects. Baking, research, art, math, and language are some of the many tasks. It was lovely to see how the children help each other; especially the older children who, with joy, pride, and kindness, help the younger children to create their projects.

Just before the break, Lower Elementary children eagerly read their research reports on plants, animals, and states of matter to the Primary children. This type of sharing work invite such a bonding experience for all the children between levels. The children witness where they come from, and where they are going! These activities unite the school community and send the message to the children that they belong in this intentional, harmonious social community.

Upper Elementary children were working together to formulate the Pythagorean Theorem and exploring polyhedrons. They also examined descriptive writing; providing details and verbs while envisioning how the reader would feel. Lower Elementary students listened to a story about the history of life on Earth, with a focus on different eras that shows the scientific time periods of the Earth's formation and populating. In addition, there were science experiments, algebra and music all exploding within the environments, to mention a few.

We extend an invitation to join us on Sunday at 4:30PM for the Alumni Panel. Come and listen to what former students have to share about their experiences moving on to traditional school settings, and into young adulthood!

Lisbeth and The Elementary Team