

THE LEARNIN' FERNs

One Week Down!

What a great first week of school!

Lower elementary students heard all five of the Great Lessons this week. The Great Lessons are part of Montessori's cosmic curriculum and the pillars of her cultural studies curriculum. They're told as stories to spark wonder and pique curiosity in the children as we study the world around us.

With the Great Lessons, students participated in physical science experiments, including mapping the distance between the Earth and the sun, exploring how air occupies space, identifying the states of matter, and learning about matter's varying densities. They were introduced to the Timeline of Life, a staple Montessori material that shows the progression of ancient and modern lifeforms on Earth. Students even taped their thumbs to their hand to experience life without (and gratitude for) opposable thumbs!



Montessori Compass

Reminder that all communication takes place on Montessori Compass. This may still be unfamiliar, so please let me know if you need assistance finding anything!

Be sure to look through the photo folder to see all our fun this week!

Wishlist

I mentioned sharing a wishlist at the Back to School night, and here it is! I have attached some links for clarity, but these are not necessarily the exact items we're looking for. If you have any of these items at home or find a better price elsewhere, that's great! In fact, the more secondhand donations, the better! We love saving money and keeping things out of the landfill.

Ongoing Donations:

Houseplants, preferably with a pot
Travel artifacts/souvenirs

Gift Card Donations for Special Projects Materials:

Grocery stores – Schnucks & Common Ground are our most used
Idea Store
Amazon

Other Donations:

Peace corner floor pillows
Birdwatching binoculars
Bird feeder
Standing Art Easels (as many as we can get!)
Small watering can
Cooking/food organization
Lap tables (5)