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“We do not believe in the educative power of words and commands alone, but seek cautiously and almost without the child’s knowing it, to guide his natural activity.” Maria Montessori

September Birthdays:

Christian R. – 9/6
Noah G. – 9/6
Inara S. – 9/24

October Birthdays:

Antigone – 10/3	Colin – 10/12
Sarah – 10/9	Emory – 10/16
Ilaina – 10/10	Mia – 10/21
Kendrick – 10/11	Kira K. – 10/25



Please label all items your children bring to school...lunch boxes, hats, nap stuff, etc. Also, please mark **ALL** envelopes placed in the tuition box with your child’s name on it. It’s very difficult to know whose “loose” money is in the tuition box. Thank you!

Please mark your calendar for **PRACTICAL LIFE NIGHT**, Tuesday, October 6th from 6:00–7:00 p.m. We will be going over some of the work your children do in the Practical Life area.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Friday, **October 2, 2009** – PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, **October 6, 2009** – Practical Life Night – 6:00–7:00 (no children please)

Friday, **October 9, 2009** – Name of country your child will represent during our United Nations Day Celebration due

Monday, **October 12, 2009** – Holiday – No School

Friday, **October 16, 2009** – No School

Friday, **October 23, 2009** – United Nations Day Celebration & parade



Start saving your box tops and labels!

We are participating in the box tops/labels for education program. Please place all box tops and labels in the orange box next to the parent folders. Our school raises money for each box top/label.

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What's Happening In The Classroom?

We have had a great start to the new school year! The children have adjusted well to the school routine, and are working steadily on their lessons.

We begin our day on the playground. At 9am, the children then start their work in the classroom, as well as outdoor environment. Lessons many of the children are already working on, are: pouring, spooning, crumbing a tray, hand washing, the dressing frames, the pink tower, the brown stairs, sounds and sandpaper letters.

Work continues until 12pm, at which time we gather for circle. During this time, we sing songs, read stories and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. We also discuss one artist and classical composer each month. In September, we have been talking about Johannes Brahms and Henri Matisse. The children are also free to go to the music area during work time, and listen to the music of the composer we are studying.

After circle, we have lunch and then it is time for the 1:00 children to go home. After some brief exercising or play, the children continue the work cycle until 2:45pm.

We have been learning about fruits and vegetables, and our first cooking project was Johnny Appleseed toast. Each child in the afternoon class, made his own compilation of bread, butter, apple slices, honey and cinnamon. Yum!

Don't forget, observations are now open. Come in and see all the wonderful things on which your child is working! As always, please feel free to e-mail (mrsz@arrowheadmontessori.com) or call me with any questions or concerns you may have. I will be sending e-mails letting you know which lessons your child has been working on. Next month, be sure to come to the meeting about Practical Life.

Have a great day!

Mrs. Z

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Thank you Sergeant Parks!

Thanks to Casey's dad who came from the Phoenix Police Department to talk to us about what police officers do, and what we need to do to stay safe.



Sick
Children

The CDC recommends that people with influenza-like illness remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100° F [37.8° C]), or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. Thank you for keeping your child home when they are sick.



Artist & Composer of the Month:

Henri Matisse
Johannes Brahms



New this year, we have introduced the peace table. This month we are talking about peace – what it is, and how it is achieved. Each month, we will talk about a peacemaker that has made an important contribution. We encourage you to ask your children about this work and what it means in your family.



Construction will begin on the property next door within the next couple of weeks. During this time the south entrance to the parking lot will be blocked off to make room for our expanded playground.



It's not too late to contribute to the Arizona Scholarship Fund. Please visit: www.AZscholarships.org to donate now.

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From Our Fine Furry (and not so furry) Friends:

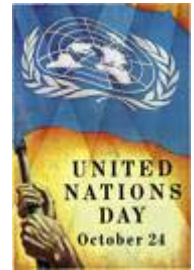


Please don't throw away your fruits and veggies that is no longer human consumable. Our furry friends would love to have your animal edible produce.

In the next couple of weeks Kendra Smith will be taking candid photos of our students working in the classroom. Please look for these pictures in the near future.

ITEMS WE CAN USE:

- rinsed egg shells
- yarn
- buttons
- magazines
- rinsed, uncrushed soda cans
- apples, oranges, bananas, regular size carrots for food preparation
- fruit from trees grown in your own yard for juicing and peeling work



What country are you from? Please write your child's name and what country they will represent on a piece of paper and drop it in the tuition box *no later than Friday October 9th*. On Friday, October 23, 2009 our children will have a parade showing the different cultures Arrowhead Montessori represent. We would like the children to dress in their native costume or colors for this parade. The children will also be making flags for each country they represent. Parents are welcome to watch the parade beginning at 12:45-1:00 p.m.

COOKING CORNER



In September the children have been talking about different fruits and vegetables and will be making fruit salad and vegetable soup. In October we've incorporated our study of Europe with our daily snack calendar. The children will be making homemade scones and clotted cream.

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Outdoor Environment News:

We have finally ventured into the heat! As Outdoor Environment has begun, it is important to remember to apply sunscreen on your children in the morning before they come to school.

We are preparing our garden beds to be planted. As such, I invite everyone to bring in garden plants and/or seeds. Herbs, vegetables, flowers and other outdoor plants are all welcomed. The only exception is the lovely tomato plant, which is not allowed by the health department.

We ask that you include your child in the process of choosing the plant(s), as this helps to foster their curiosity and enthusiasm.

Ms. Huskey



Thanks so much to everyone who has brought in plants! Our classroom is looking quite beautiful. The plants add an air of serenity in addition to improving the quality of our indoor air. For those who have yet to bring a plant in, Ms. Huskey is angling for some hanging, vine-like plants for the conservatory.