

September Newsletter

Armand Bayou Montessori School

Newsletter 2016

Welcome Back

A new school year has begun! Now it's back to work and back to being with all of our friends, some we already know and some we are meeting for the first time.

Mark your calendars:

September dates to remember

*Monday, September 5th-School Closed
Labor Day

*Friday, September 16th-Back to School Pool
Party 6:30-8:30pm

*Thursday, September 29th
Montessori Journey 7:00 - 9:00pm
Infant/Toddler parents journey starts at 6:30pm

Infant/Toddler [News:](#)

Wow! Is it really Fall already? Summer has flown by and was a lot of fun. The infants and toddlers had a wonderful time splashing, pouring, and drinking the water during water play. We think they would like to do water play year-round!

Please help us welcome a lot of new faces to our classrooms. In the Infant environment, we welcome Stryder and Felix and their families, and to all our returning children as well.

In the toddler room we would like to welcome Rosie, Annika, and Sadie.

Annika has moved to the toddler room Madison and Wyatt will be joining them very soon. Stark and Henry are very busy discovering and exploring new materials and their environment.

Margot is enjoying the great room and older friends. Jacqueline, Ruby and Henrik are working on their gross motor skills. They are learning how to roll over how to move around independently and how to soothe themselves as well.

In the Toddler room our new friends are doing very well getting involved in their work such as rolling the rug, choosing their work and involving themselves in group activities. We wish Elijah all the best in the Early Childhood. Our theme for September is "Parts of the Body". We will be singing songs about body parts in circle time and have pictures of body parts available for them to look at.

Please make sure you check your child's cabinets (nap and kitchen area) each day. This is to ensure your child has everything they need from clothes, diapers, diaper cream to food and formula.

In the toddler environment we have work materials that involve fruit. Activities involving fruit will include fruit matching, artwork, and fruit tasting.

The "sensitive period" for toilet learning often begins around 18 months, depending on the child. If your child seems interested in it, please begin working with him or her. Signs for readiness include staying dry for longer periods of time, the child talking about it or wanting to sit on the potty. If you think your child is ready to begin toilet learning, please let the teachers know. You will need to work on it at home as we will remain consistent at school. Please bring a lot of extra underwear and clothes to school. Please help us out by labelling ALL of your child's belongings including all food and drinks,

bottles, caps, and clothing with their first name and last initial. **This is a requirement for state child care licensing.**

Please apply sunscreen and bug repellent daily.

Early Childhood [News:](#)

Welcome to All! We are so happy to see all the new and returning families. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year.

This month we begin with learning all about the parts of the body and how they work, identifying body parts, moving on to Progression of the Child age 0-7 and Timelines.

The month continues with learning about fruit: making a fruit basket, fruit tasting, exploring the inside and outside of the fruit.

We close out the month studying the differences between Air, Land, and Water.

The Kindergarten students will enjoy their new status this year as they enjoy weekly visits to Room 7. In P.E. The Kindergarten have started their class and they are working the ground rules, warm ups and cool downs. They will also go to the library and do community service each month. Please watch for the field trip list.

*The first field trip for Kindergartners is a trip to the Library September 2nd at 1:00pm.

Each child must have their own library card in order to check out books.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Back to School Pool Party on Friday, September 16th at the Timber Cove Community Pool. You can sign up to bring a dish to share at <http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/2016ABMSBacktoSchoolPoolParty>

The second event we are having is the Montessori Journey on Thursday, September 29th. This is an evening for parents to learn more about how each classroom is connected through the materials.

Safety Reminders:

***Children may not be left alone in the car. All cars must be turned off. IT'S THE LAW.**

Here are a few helpful hints to help your child get off to a good start:

*Socks and closed-toe shoes must be worn every day for safety

*To help your child identify his/her folder, bring a wallet size picture of him/her to paste inside

*Watch for notices on the classroom door for any changes or information

*Please sign up to bring snack. It's a special way to teach children the joy of sharing

*Please label all extra clothes, lunch boxes, and blankets

*Please encourage your children to take the responsibility of checking their own folders and carrying their own lunch boxes. This will not only help with self-esteem, but with independence as well. We appreciate your cooperation and consistency.

Elementary [News:](#)

Welcome to our new ABMS elementary families and welcome back to our returning families! We hope you had a great summer and are ready to get back into the school routine.

We've had a wonderful start to the year, and have gotten right into work! We are now reading Robinson Crusoe to begin the study of the Fundamental Needs of Man and the marking of time. We have also begun the Study of Fractions and will begin our Study of the Fish. To further their knowledge of anatomy, on August 29th the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be dissecting a fish with Ms. Jennifer.

Our first field trip will be to the Freeman Library on Friday, September 2nd. Please make sure your child wears their grey ABMS T-shirt and has their Harris County Library card.

Our Annual Back to School Party for all of our ABMS families is on the evening of Friday,

September 16th from 6:30-8:30 at the Timber Cove Community Pool. Everyone is asked to bring their own drinks and a dish to share. Please watch your e-mail for more information on volunteering for the potluck.

We will have grilled burgers and all the fixings. The address of the pool is 1000 Shorewood Dr., Seabrook, TX 77856.

To round out our busy month, we will hold Orientation for new families on Wednesday, August 31st from 7:00-8:00 pm. Next month, we will hold our Montessori Journey on September 29th from 7:00-9:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to see how the Montessori curriculum flows from one age group to another. We hope you can make it!

Montessori Quote

“Respect all the reasonable forms of activity in which the child engages and try to understand them.”

-Maria Montessori