

*I Love You, Mom!*



I'd like to serve you breakfast to celebrate Mother's Day!

Wednesday, May 4, 8:30-9:00am

## St. Mary's Bilingual Preschool

May 2016

### May

- 2 Free Dress Day – Remember Pass!
- 4 Mother's Day Celebration, 8:30-9:00am
- 19 Free Dress Day – Remember Pass!
- 26 Spring Concert & Potluck, 5:00-7:00pm
- 27-30 Memorial Day Weekend, **NO SCHOOL**
- 31 School Resumes

### June

- 6 Free Dress Day – Remember Pass!
- 18 Father's Day Celebration
- 20-23 Student report conference
- 24 Last Day of Preschool, **HALF DAY**
- 27-30 **NO SCHOOL**



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Celebrate  
Spring!

**CONCERT & POTLUCK**

*Thursday, May 26*



5:00 – Concert begins

5:30 – Potluck

Mark your calendars for the...

# Father's Day Basketball Championship

~ Saturday, June 18, 10:00~noon

Join us for a weekend of fun and laughter!



*We still need  
your help!*

We are hoping to raise \$180  
to subsidize the costumes  
for our Spring Concert

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\$5 donation ~ 1 Free Dress Pass  
\$8 donation ~ 2 Free Dress Passes

*Thank you  
for your support!*



# Developing a Sense of Order

"It seems to him, at this stage, a particularly vital matter that everything in his environment should be kept in its accustomed place; and that the actions of the day should be carried out in their accustomed routine."

- E. M. Standing, *Maria Montessori: Her Life and Work*, p. 123

## What is it?

According to Montessori philosophy, a sense of order is children's natural, inborn desire for organization and order in the world around them. We have all witnessed our child's meltdown when the last puzzle piece is missing, or an object in a row is pushed out of line. We have also experienced the disruptions in our child's mood and behavior when a routine change suddenly, or something unexpected enters their world. Children have a deeply rooted need for calm, order, and structure. For this reason, Montessori classrooms such as St. Mary's strive to create a learning environment that is stable, orderly, and peaceful. Our students expect to find things in their proper place, and each contribute to maintaining this order. This creates the right space for them to feel nurtured and safe enough to explore.



## Why is it important?

Developing this sense of order is extremely important for several reasons. First, it lays the groundwork for building good work habits, a sense of responsibility, and self-discipline. Second, it serves as the starting foundation of the logical and sequential thought patterns that will be necessary in mathematics reasoning. Third, it will help stabilize your child's moods and make him/her feel safe and secure, and therefore improve your relationship and communication!



## How do we nurture it in our classroom?

We develop and nurture children's natural sense of order by first creating a classroom space that embodies stability, predictability, and order. Every school day, our students follow the same routine. Time and time again, we have noticed that the real turning point for a new student is when he/she becomes accustomed to the daily routine. When this happens, he/she will really begin to blossom, explore, and connect with peers.

Our sensorial and practical life activities also cultivate our students' sense of order. The sensorial curriculum teaches students to correctly sequence actions and focus their attention carefully on the physical world. The practical life curriculum promotes students' autonomy and independence through activities that instill values of self-care, respect for others, and self-discipline. As children become increasingly self-sufficient, they simultaneously become more confident in their own abilities to maintain their sense of order.

## How can parents continue nurturing it at home?

Parents can support their child's developing sense of order at home by creating a predictable, consistent daily rhythm for their child. Encourage your child to participate in activities from beginning to end, including tidying up. As he/she comes to know and expect certain routines, he/she will feel more empowered and self-reliant, and won't be as easily frustrated by small disappointments.



## Earth Day Project – Plant the seeds





