



## The Montessori School of Washington

### October Newsletter

2013

The children are now beginning to be more comfortable in the environment! It is exciting to see friendships form and amazing to observe children become engaged in activities.

Here are a few reminders for parents as we approach the second month of the school year:

#### NAP BAGS

We suggest that each family provide nap bags labeled with the child's name. Please keep in mind that we will **send back** nap bags with all of the children's nap materials **every Friday** so that they will be washed and cleaned. The MSOW staff ensures a healthy and clean environment for your children and we appreciate your cooperation and support.



#### STUDENT FOLDERS

On the first week of October, your child may bring home a clear folder that contains work that they have worked on throughout the week. Some children may freely show or talk about their work, some may not. This is quite normal for children this age as they are more into the process of doing an activity rather than be focused on the product. Our role as adults is to allow the children to offer their precious work without forcing them to tell us about what they brought home. Please be reminded that the folders are

expected to **be returned to school** the **following school day**. Folders will be distributed on Thursday dismissal times. If your child did not bring any work home, please be advised that this does not reflect the amount of work your child is working on at school. We have a lot of concrete Montessori materials that they continue to manipulate and explore.

#### We are here for you!

Ms. Arlene is available for telephone conferences on **MONDAYS** from 3-4 pm.

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## Upcoming Events

### Mommy, Daddy and Me ART DAY

Parents are invited to come to the classroom for a morning of fun and art!

**Date:** October 16, 2013 (Wednesday)

**Time:** 9:00 am to 10:30 am

### MSOW Halloween Party

Children will come dressed in their Halloween costumes over their regular clothes. Parents are invited to the classroom to take pictures between 9:00am-9:30am. We will then trick or treat along MacArthur Blvd to Q Street. MSOW will have little buckets for them to fill (Parents, please feel free to send in Halloween stuff other than candy so we can use them as bucket fillers!)

**Date:** October 31, 2013 (Thursday)

**Time:** 9:00 am to 11:00 am



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#### Montessori Whispers:

"Our care of the child should be governed, not by the desire to make him learn things, but by the endeavor always to keep burning within him that light which is called intelligence."  
– Dr. Maria Montessori