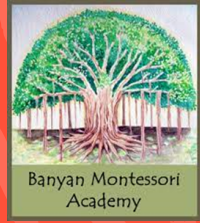


Banyan Montessori Academy

Newsletter

June 2025



Toddler Montessori Classroom

Dear Families,

June has been a wonderful month filled with sunshine, curiosity, and learning. The children engaged in hands-on experiences and seasonal activities that allowed them to explore nature, develop responsibility, and express creativity.

Sea Life

We explored the wonders of the ocean! The children learned about different sea animals such as fish, dolphins, turtles, and more. They practiced naming them, matched figures and pictures, and created ocean-themed crafts. We also sang songs about the sea and talked about how these animals live in water.

Summer

To welcome the new season, we talked about summertime! The children shared their favorite things about summer like playing in the water and going to the park. We read books, sang songs, and created summer art using bright colors, sun shapes, and beach themes.

Father's Day

To celebrate Father's Day, each child made a special card for their dad. They decorated it with love and care. It was a sweet opportunity to talk about the important role of fathers in their lives.

Caring for Plants and Animals

Throughout the month, the children continued to care for our classroom plants by watering them regularly. They also helped feed and gently care for the classroom animals. These activities help nurture a sense of responsibility and kindness toward living things.

Growing Independence

We have also seen great progress in each child's independence this month. Many are confidently choosing their own work, following daily routines, and showing a stronger sense of order in the classroom. It's been inspiring to witness their growth in concentration, coordination, and self-confidence.

Thank you for another joyful month of growth and exploration. We wish you a sunny and relaxing start to your summer!

Warmly,
The Toddler Team

Pre Primary and Kindergarten Montessori

Dear Families,

As we wrap up the month of June, we are filled with joy reflecting on all the wonderful learning experiences our young friends have engaged in throughout the month. The friends have been actively exploring, discovering, and growing across all areas of the Montessori curriculum.

Language:

This month, we revisited many pre-language activities to strengthen foundational skills. The children showed great enthusiasm in our *story writing* sessions using the **Moveable Alphabet**, creatively expressing their thoughts and building sentences. These activities not only enhanced their vocabulary but also nurtured their love for writing.

Math:

Math work was buzzing with excitement as we introduced **double-digit addition** using concrete Montessori materials. The friends also enjoyed working with the **Squaring and Cubing Chains**, which deepened their understanding of number sequencing and patterns. Number recognition, quantity association, and hands-on addition kept our mathematicians meaningfully engaged.

Everyday Living (Practical Life):

A big highlight this month was our *Strawberry Cutting* activity — a delicious and practical lesson in care of self and food preparation! Alongside this, the friends continued refining their fine motor skills through **pouring** and **spooning** exercises, building independence and concentration.

Science:

In Science, we explored the fascinating world of **insects** through hands-on activities. The friends went on a nature hunt in the playground, discovering roly-polies, ants, spiders, and more — connecting with nature in an exciting and memorable way. We also introduced concepts of **light and sound**, and continued our **gardening** experiences, observing plant growth with great curiosity.

Geography:

Our Geography journey came full circle as we concluded our exploration of all the continents. This month, we focused on **Asia**, learning about its diverse cultures, landmarks, and wildlife. The children enjoyed using the continent maps and puzzle work to reinforce their global understanding.

Thank you, dear parents, for your continued support and partnership in your child's Montessori journey. We are so proud of our young learners and look forward to more enriching experiences ahead.

With warm regards,

The Pre-Primary Montessori Team



Enrichment programs

Hello Everyone!

In this exciting June edition, we have elaborated on different International Languages and Science sessions:

Hindi

Revisiting Colors Through Art

We began the month by revisiting our previous topics such as colors. To reinforce color recognition, the children enjoyed an outdoor rock painting activity. Each child selected a rock and painted it with their favorite colors while naming them in Hindi. It was a creative and meaningful way to connect language with nature.

Fruits and Vocabulary Practice

We continued to review the names of fruits in Hindi. Friends practiced saying the names, identifying real fruits, and even participated in fruit-tasting discussions using new vocabulary. This activity sparked curiosity and deepened word association through sensory learning.

Cultural Sharing – Traditional Clothing

In celebration of diversity, we invited friends to bring and share their traditional clothes. As they dressed up and spoke a few words about their culture, we learned the Hindi words for various garments, promoting respect and appreciation for one another's backgrounds.

Hands-On Cooking – Making Roti

One of the highlights this month was the cooking activity! Friends participated in making *roti*, a traditional Indian flatbread made from flour. They took turns kneading the dough, rolling it into circles, and watching it cook. This hands-on experience not only introduced a beloved Indian dish but also taught new food-related vocabulary in Hindi. Most importantly, they tasted what they made—and loved it!

Through these interactive experiences, our friends didn't just learn the Hindi language—they lived it! Montessori education thrives when learning is connected to the child's real world, and this month beautifully reflected that.

**Warm regards,
Your Montessori Hindi Team**

Mandarin:

Parrot and Owl :

We started by demonstrating how to blow air through a straw to make a little bird "fly" out of a disposable cup. Then, introduced various birds of different colors and sizes.

Then we showed a handmade parrot and owl craft and asked young friends questions like:

"What color is the parrot's body?"

"What color is the owl's beak? We introduced the word wings and talked about how birds use their wings to fly.

We demonstrated flying high and low, and fast and slow, and encouraged young friends to follow along with finger movements to show these actions.

We sang the Chinese song “Little Swallow” together.

We demonstrated how to make a little bird craft, and everyone had a chance to create their own bird.

Bird 鸟 (niao)

Parrot 鹦鹉 (yingwu)

Owl 猫头鹰 (maotouying)

High 高 (gao)

Low 低 (di)

Fast 快 (kuai)

Slow 慢 (man)

Frog Eats Flying Insects:

We started by showing a picture of a frog and introducing the words frog and flying insect in Mandarin . We described the frog’s big mouth and long tongue.

I asked young friends :

“Where is your mouth? Where is your tongue?”

Activity 1: The Hungry Frog

The frog was hungry and wanted to eat some flying insects!

We asked young friends to help by putting the insects into the frog’s mouth.

At the end, we counted together: “How many insects did the frog eat?”

Activity 2: The Frog Blows Bubbles

We made a big frog mouth using a simple craft.place a small balloon at the frog’s mouth, and used a straw to blow air into it. The balloon floated up into the air—just like a frog blowing a bubble!

We sang the Chinese song “Little Frog” .

We taught young friends how to make their own frog craft.

Frog 青蛙 (qingwa)

Insect 虫子 (chongzi)

Mouth 嘴巴 (zuiba)

Tongue 舌头 (shetou)

Blow bubbles 吹泡泡 (chuipaopao)

Ocean Animals:

We began by introducing the ocean animals shown in the picture.

We showed a handmade octopus and talked about its eight tentacles.

Activity 1: Create a 3D Underwater World

Young friends used ocean animal cutouts to decorate a piece of blue cardstock, creating their own underwater scene.

We sang a song and did a finger dance:

"Many little fish are swimming!"

Activity 2: Jellyfish Lantern

We showed a jellyfish lantern and introduced the jellyfish's body, which looks like an umbrella on top.

Ocean animals 海洋生物 (haiyangshengwu)

Octopus 章鱼 (zhangyu)

Jellyfish 水母 (shuimu)

Shark 鲨鱼 (Shayu)

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Whale 鲸鱼 (jingyu)

Dolphin 海豚 (haitun)

Starfish 海星 (haixing)

Sea Turtle海龟 (haibui)

Lobster 龙虾 (longxia)

Crab 蟹 (xie)

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Spanish:

This month in Spanish class, we explored the fascinating world of *animales del mar* (sea animals). The children had fun learning new vocabulary, singing songs, and participating in hands-on activities to support their language development.

Sea Life / Animales del Mar

We focused on learning the names of sea animals in Spanish. The children matched pictures and figures, practiced the words aloud, and enjoyed movement games where they pretended to swim like fish or crawl like crabs. These playful interactions made the vocabulary meaningful and engaging.

We also worked on art projects related to the ocean and sang songs that introduced Spanish words in a joyful and natural way.

Vocabulary – Vocabulario

English	Español
Fish	Pez
Whale	Ballena
Dolphin	Delfín
Octopus	Pulpo
Crab	Cangrejo
Jellyfish	Medusa
Sea turtle	Tortuga marina
Starfish	Estrella de mar
Shark	Tiburón
Seahorse	Caballito de mar

Thank you for your continued support. It's amazing to see the children's excitement as they explore a second language through play, art, and discovery.

Science based Art session with Ms. Anuja :

We continued our exciting air pressure experiments this week. Air is a powerful force that affects many of our everyday actions—like sipping through a straw, inflating a balloon, or using a syringe. This time, we took our learning outdoors and got creative! Using water blasters, spray bottles, and syringes, we explored air pressure through painting. It was a messy, colorful, and fun session.

Capillary action is when a liquid moves through a narrow space—even against gravity! It's the same process that helps plants pull water from the soil and explains how paper towels soak up spills. Friends worked in pairs to explore this fascinating phenomenon using paper towels, washable markers, and water. We watched how the colors walked up the paper towels.

Bubbles are always a favorite! A soap bubble is made from just three things: soap, water, and air. When you blow air into a bubble, the soapy skin stretches and traps the air, just like a balloon. This

week, we used bubbles in a creative way - painting! Friends blew bubble in a cup filled with colorful soapy water and tried catching them on a paper.

Science Experiments with Ms. Bhargavi:

This month, we explored how energy travels through different mediums, helping the children understand how it moves and reaches us. Using simple examples, we showed how energy uses mediums like air, water, and solids to transfer sound, heat, and light.

We also revisited earlier lessons on force, simple machines, energy, and light, tying these concepts together to build a comprehensive understanding of how the world works. The children enjoyed connecting the dots, from how force makes objects move to how simple machines make tasks easier, and how energy powers everything, including light and sound.

Year-End Celebration Highlights

Our year-end event, held on June 20, 2025, at Liberty Middle School, was a joyful celebration of learning, creativity, and community. The program began with a delightful performance of The Rainbow Fish play, accompanied by two charming songs directed by Ms. Monica. This was followed by The Colors of the Rainbow song and a reading of The Peace Book, both led by Ms. Valorie. A special moment of pride came when our Pre-Primary Montessori students received certificates from Student Treasures for authoring a book about "our trip to the Sahara Desert". We also celebrated our Montessori Kindergarten graduation, recognizing the growth and accomplishments of the Magical Kindergarten Montessori year. Staff acknowledgments added heartfelt appreciation to the day. The event continued with our multicultural celebration, beginning with a vibrant "Three States of India" dance performed by professional dancer Riya. Families then explored various cultural stations representing countries like Brazil, India, Pakistan, Mexico, Germany, China, Syria, Albania, and more featuring artifacts, traditional outfits, food, music, crafts, and architecture. It was a fun-filled event full of meaningful learning and community connection for all!

Date : 06/20/25

Vegetable Fried Rice (With Basmati Rice)

Time : 20 mins

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups cooked basmati rice (preferably cooled or day-old)
- 1 cup frozen vegetables (like carrots, peas, corn)
- 1 cup shredded cabbage
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Salt to taste
- Pepper to taste
- 2-3 tbsp soy sauce (adjust to taste)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Cook the basmati rice and let it cool completely (cold rice works best for fried rice to avoid mushiness).
- In a large pan or wok, heat olive oil over medium-high heat.
- Add the frozen vegetables and stir-fry for 3-4 minutes until softened.
- Add shredded cabbage and stir-fry for another 2-3 minutes until slightly wilted.
- Add the cooked, cooled rice to the pan. Gently break up any clumps with a spatula or spoon.
- Add salt, pepper, and soy sauce. Toss everything well to coat evenly.
- Stir-fry everything together for about 3-5 minutes until the rice is hot and slightly crispy.
- Optional garnish: chopped green onions or sesame seeds if you have them.
- Serve hot and enjoy!

Parent Education

Good Read :

Manners, Naturally:

<https://amshq.org/blog/from-the-magazine/2023-09-08-manners-naturally/>

Upcoming events

Library and Other Events in and around Canton :

July 9, 2025: The Reptarium Zoo, 6:00 PM @ Northville District Library

July 14, 2025: Electric Art with Sloan Museum of Discovery, 6:00 PM @ Ann Arbor District Library

Aug 15: Family Science and Art Night, 6–8 PM @ Village Arts Factory, Canton

Aug 18: Parent-Child Drawing Workshop, 3–4 PM @ Northville District Library

Saturdays/Sundays: Critter House Open Hours, 12–3 PM @ Leslie Science & Nature Center

Saturdays: Tot Splash, 10 AM–12 PM @ Buhr Park Pool

