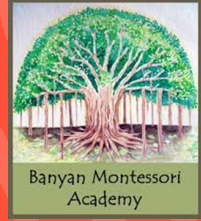


Banyan Montessori Academy

# Newsletter



April 2026

## Toddler Montessori Classroom

Dear Toddler Families,

This month has been full of creativity, hands-on exploration, and meaningful learning experiences in our Toddler classroom. Friends continue developing their independence, concentration, and confidence as they engage with a variety of activities throughout the environment.

### Puppetry

Friends were introduced to puppetry, using puppets as a way to explore storytelling, imagination, and language.

Through puppet play, friends practiced expressing ideas, engaging in pretend scenarios, and interacting with one another. This activity supports communication skills, creativity, and social development in a joyful and engaging way.

### Flowers and Gardening

Friends explored the theme of flowers and gardening, learning about how plants grow and what they need to thrive.

Through hands-on experiences, friends were introduced to the basic needs of plants such as water, sunlight, and soil. We talked about the different parts of a plant and observed flowers closely, encouraging curiosity and connection with nature.

Friends also participated in gardening-related activities that supported care of the environment, including watering plants and learning how to gently handle natural materials. These experiences help develop responsibility, patience, and respect for living things.

These meaningful activities help friends build a deeper appreciation for nature and their role in caring for it.

### Reptiles

This month, friends were introduced to reptiles. Through books, images, and discussions, friends learned about animals such as snakes, turtles, and lizards.

We explored basic characteristics of reptiles and talked about where they live and how they move. This topic supported vocabulary development and curiosity about the animal world.

## Food Preparation

Friends participated in hands-on food preparation activities that support independence, coordination, and practical life skills.

This month friends prepared:

- Guacamole with chips
- Picking grapes
- Crackers with cream cheese
- Cutting banana with yogurt

During these activities, friends practiced spreading, scooping, cutting, and carefully handling food. These experiences strengthen fine motor skills, concentration, and confidence.

Food preparation also encourages independence and allows friends to take pride in their work while enjoying the results.

Warm regards, Toddler Montessori Staff

# Pre Primary and Kindergarten Montessori

Dear Parents,

April has been an exciting and activity-filled month for our pre-primary learners! From hands-on experiences to thoughtful presentations, our little friends have blossomed beautifully this spring. Here's a glimpse into all the amazing things we explored and achieved together this month:

## Everyday Living /Practical life

Life was bustling with excitement! We introduced new spooning and transferring exercises, which promoted fine motor development and concentration. A definite favorite was the table scrubbing; the joy on their faces was priceless!

## Food Preparation

Cooking together continues to be a highlight in our classroom. This month, we tried the pasta bowl, and that happened to be the best part. We enjoyed watching the children enjoy every bite of their hard work. In our cookery session, we made an acai popsicle.

## Sensorial

We revisited many of our sensorial extension activities, building on the basics and encouraging deeper exploration of textures, colors, and forms.

## Language:

We continued to build our reading foundation by practicing sight words through fun games and activities. A special focus was placed on writing skills, especially for our more advanced friends who are eager to express themselves through words. We also reviewed all the phonics boxes, helping everyone solidify their sound recognition and word-building abilities. We are working on Authoring our book on Australia.

## Math

This month, we introduced our friends to the concepts of squaring and cubing chains. They also had lots of fun with snake games, which helped explain the concept of addition in a hands-on, engaging way.

## Geography

In Geography, we journeyed to South America! Our friends discovered its famous animals, explored the map of the continent, and engaged in varied new activities to deepen their understanding of this vibrant region..

## Science

Our budding scientists learned about the life cycle of a butterfly, Reptiles, and explored the different reptiles through matching, craft, and sorting activities. Our teachers prepared a beautiful craft about a chameleon. The curiosity and enthusiasm were truly inspiring! We also introduced some push pin activity with different leaf shapes. We learned about density in our science based art session.

## Public Presentation

April also marked our Public Presentation, where the children proudly shared what they learned about Reptiles, spring blooms, and the continent of South America. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to express their knowledge and build confidence.

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of our growing community. We're so proud of each child and can't wait to see what the next month brings! With warm regards.

Warm regards, Pre Primary & Kindergarten Montessori Team



# Enrichment and Educational Programs

Hello Everyone!

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

## Hindi

As we are coming to the end of this current semester, we spent time reviewing our Hindi language lessons and strengthening our understanding through fun hands-on activities. We began by revisiting body parts vocabulary such as kaan (ears), naak (nose), sir (head), and haath (hands). Friends practiced through matching, sorting, and interactive activities that helped them recognize and remember the Hindi words with confidence. They were excited to use the vocabulary during group discussions and classroom work.

Next, we reviewed colors in Hindi and practiced counting numbers through songs, games, and hands-on activities. Friends enjoyed recognizing colors around them and counting classroom objects during daily work, making learning both fun and meaningful.

We also introduced fruits in Hindi. Friends loved identifying and learning the names of fruits such as:

Apple – सेब (Seb)

Mango – आम (Aam)

Banana – केला (Kela)

Learning through flashcards, songs, storytelling, and conversations made the lessons exciting and memorable for everyone.

Towards the end of the month, we explored the concept of big and small using sorting activities and real-life objects.

It has been wonderful to see their growing interest, enthusiasm, and confidence in learning Hindi throughout the year.

## Spanish:

This month in Spanish class, friends continued building their vocabulary through movement, hands-on activities, and interactive learning.

### Colors

Friends practiced color recognition through engaging activities.

In one activity, friends placed cereal onto sticks, matching the correct color. This helped strengthen fine motor skills while reinforcing color vocabulary.

In another activity, friends participated in a movement game where they listened to a color in Spanish and walked to find and stand next to the correct color on the floor. This supported listening skills, comprehension, and active learning.

The colors we practiced were:

Blue — Azul

Purple — Morado

Yellow — Amarillo

Green — Verde

Red — Rojo

Orange — Naranja

### Emotions

We also began exploring the topic of emotions. Friends learned to identify and express how they feel using simple vocabulary.

The emotions we practiced were:

Happy — Feliz

Sad — Triste

Excited — Emocionado

Tired — Cansado

Proud — Orgullosa

Angry — Enojado

We practiced using the question:

How do you feel today? — ¿Cómo te sientes hoy?

## **Science based Art session with Ms. Anuja :**

This month was all about density and discovering why some objects sink while others float!

We began by asking a simple question: Why do some objects sink while others float?

To explore this, we played a fun sink or float game. We collected a variety of objects and tested each one in water. It was exciting to watch, some objects sank straight to the bottom, while others stayed floating on the surface!

We then combined science with creativity by turning this experiment into art. While observing the results, our friends created artwork inspired by what they saw.

So, what's the science behind it?

It all comes down to density. Objects with high density (where matter is packed tightly together) usually sink. Objects with low density (where matter is more spread out) tend to float.

Next, we explored liquids by creating a density tower using honey, water, and oil. It was fascinating to see the liquids form layers instead of mixing. This happens because each liquid has a different density, causing them to stack on top of one another.

Our friends absolutely loved these hands-on experiments, and it was wonderful to see their curiosity and excitement grow through discovery.

## **Art, Music and Theater**

In our Art, Music, and Theater session, Ms. Nancy engaged the children in a joyful and expressive experience. She played mouth organ to all the songs and rhymes our friends sang. The Pre-Primary friends continued rehearsing for the Frederick play, building confidence as they practiced their roles. She also introduced a new team-based song with coordinated actions, encouraging collaboration, rhythm, and memory. The children further explored their creativity by making props for the play, taking ownership of their performance. With our Toddler Montessori friends, Ms. Nancy brought in fun songs, movement activities, and simple charades, creating a lively environment that supported language development, imagination, and joyful participation.

## **Amazing Athletes – Pre-Primary & Kindergarten Montessori Friends**

This past month, our Amazing Athletes boosted their coordination and strength through a dynamic mix of sports and skill-building. In Active Education, they explored the "Muscle Zoo" with animal-inspired movements and learned about nutrition with "power-up" foods. On the field and court, they tackled track, lacrosse, volleyball, hockey, basketball, and golf, mastering everything from sprint starts and spiking to cradling and swinging. We wrapped up with Spring Evaluation Week, where every athlete proudly demonstrated their growth in balancing, kicking, and throwing, capping off a high-energy month of progress and fun!

## Açaí Berry Popsicles:

Time : 4 to 6 hrs

### INGREDIENTS

- Açaí berries (fresh or frozen/purée)
- Mixed berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries)
- 1 ripe banana

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Add the açaí, mixed berries, and banana into a blender.
- Blend until smooth and creamy. If needed, add a little water or juice to help it blend.
- Taste and adjust sweetness (you can add a little honey if desired).
- Pour the mixture into popsicle molds.
- Insert sticks and freeze for at least 4–6 hours or until fully set.
- To serve, run the molds under warm water for a few seconds to release the popsicles.

A naturally sweet, healthy treat perfect for children!

Warm regards,  
The Banyan Montessori Enrichment Team

# Parent Education

## **Understanding Affection in Early Childhood: A Montessori Perspective on Boundaries Without Panic**

<https://www.banyanmontessori.com/understanding-affection-in-early-childhood-a-montessori-perspective-on-boundaries-without-panic/>

## Upcoming events

### **May**

May 6 : Webinar – 6 PM ( Montessori Games)

May 8 : Book Fair

May 9: Entrepreneurs Market ( All Ages)

May 25 : Memorial Day – No School

May 29 : Hurray! Yellow School Bus Field Trip!

### **June**

June 11 : Summer PT Conferences – Zoom

June 12 : Summer PT Conferences – In-Person (No School)

June 19 : Half Day – Year-End Event

June 23 : Food Drive Donations Due

June 24 : Half Day – Last Day of School

June 29- Summer Montessori begins