

Ms. Carolyn

MONTESSORI IN MOTION

March 2026

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 <p>30</p>	31	Concept: Weather    Color: Green    Shape: Diamond Book: "Hello World Weather" Movement: Waving Practical Life: Pinching/Clipping    Song/Finger Play: "1 Little Finger" Sign Language: "Stop"		

Hello everyone!

We have some important dates in March that I wanted to remind you about. Spring break registration is OPEN. If you need care for the week of (4/6 - 4/10) then you will need to register in the office with Ms. Tonya. Care is only available that week for those who register as spots may be limited.

Summer school registration will open at the end of the month on 3/30. Summer school is a week by week enrollment, so you will have to register for each week that you need care. Summer school starts June 22 and continues through August 12. MiM will be fully closed August 17-28th and the 2026 school year will begin September 1.

As a reminder if your child is 3 before June they will enroll in the primary classes for summer, and if your child is not 3 until fall or winter they will remain in the toddler classes for summer and begin primary in the fall.

Lastly I wanted to talk about the idea of print knowledge with you. Print knowledge is the understanding that written language and our letter symbols have meaning, is organized in specific ways, and is different from pictures. There has been research done that when reading children pay more attention to the pictures on the pages than the written print (Dr Laura Justice, Engaging Children with Print). While in early childhood, and especially the toddler years, we are not expecting the children to learn how to read, but to help them understand that the written language has meaning like stated earlier. Learning these foundational skills can be a predictor for later reading abilities. So what can we do to introduce young children to print knowledge? Talk explicitly to them about print they are seeing. In books point and track to words, in everyday scenarios talking about the labels on packaging, signs, and other printed materials. We can also display written and printed materials in our homes and classroom, such as adding labels or displaying the alphabet. The purpose is not the expectation of reading, but rather an exposure to print that will lead to reading later in life. Doing these things can help make a print rich environment that will start building foundational print knowledge skills in the early childhood years.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



Spring Break  
CHILDCARE ONLY  
April 6<sup>th</sup> - April 10<sup>th</sup>  
**April 6th - 10th**  
**Spring Break**  
**Childcare Only**

April 16th & 17th  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
Early Release



04/16 & 04/17 EARLY DISMISSAL  
**PARENT-TEACHER  
CONFERENCE**

**EARTH DAY**



April 22nd  
All School Clean Up

If University Place school district closes, we will be closed. If they have a late start, then we will open at 10:00am. No AM childcare, this will ensure our staff can get to school safely and in time for us to prepare the grounds for your safety. If we have 3 closures, we will have make-up days. Listen to local radio or TV stations or check the Internet ([www.upsd.wednet.edu/upsd/site](http://www.upsd.wednet.edu/upsd/site) or [www.montessorimotion.org](http://www.montessorimotion.org)) for school closure announcements.



SCHOOL &  
**Snow**

*"The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind."*

*Maria Montessori*