



Diablo Valley Montessori School

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Message from Jayne

"The great gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." Maria Montessori

Practical Life is a key element in every classroom at DVMS. Why? We know that children want to be involved and contribute to their environment. Providing opportunities to learn skills that lead to independence builds confidence and furthers a love of learning. They crave your trust and belief in them. Your child's proudest moments are when they can say "I did it myself". That is why our young toddlers carry their snack bowls to the wash basin, older toddlers actively participate in toilet learning, and PreK/K children learn to sew, water plants, and wash dishes. What adults may see as chores, are actually deep learning moments.

This month's AMS Family Connection, which includes the article "Practical Life: Purposeful Skills that Empower the Child", is attached for you. Enjoy!

I hope everyone has fun at this Friday's Ice Cream Social hosted by the Parents' Club! Due to a previous commitment I will miss seeing you there but look forward to a great time with everyone at the DVMS Fun Run on October 14th.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, just let us know.

With gratitude,
Jayne

Join us in Welcoming Sophia to the DVMS Team!



Sophia Aliaga
Assistant Teacher,
Infant/Toddler House

Sophia received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nevada, Reno in 2018. Her first work with children was as a volunteer in a local summer day camp in Reno. She has three years of experience working in Special Education and has also worked with toddlers and infants in a local daycare and preschool. Sophia is currently working toward a certificate in Early Childhood Education. In her free time Sophia can often be found pampering her cat, Xena. She loves to travel whenever she has a chance and has traveled extensively both in the United States and abroad.

Getting Involved at DVMS

Partnering with our families is a vital part of DVMS's success. The idea of each family contributing work hours goes back to the inception of our school. It encourages parent participation, allows the children to witness their parent's involvement and contribution to their school, provides opportunities for parents to meet one another, and to feel a part of the larger school community. Additionally work hours help defray school expenses.

We ask that you share your skills, expertise and volunteer interests so we may offer you opportunities to contribute to our school and gain credit for your work hour commitment.

[Click here](#) to complete this required survey today.

Music with Andrea



Music with Andrea is back!

Andrea is so excited to be back this year with GROUP PIANO LESSONS for your 3.6 - 5 year old.

When: Mondays 9/11 to 12/18 3pm - 3:45pm

You can pay for the whole semester for a discount:
\$240 for 12 wks or by sessions, \$133 for 6wks

(9/11 - 10/23), (10/30 - 12/18)

PAYMENTS:

Simply leave a check made out to Andrea Gaspari in Andrea's Music folder in the office. In the subject line put your child's first name and their DVMS classroom name.

*No classes

10/9, 11/20, 11/27

Please feel free to watch class at anytime to see what we do!

Join us for our last class in December for a small performance.

Visit www.musicwithandrea.com for class description or to find out about Birthday Parties and events and to contact Andrea with questions.

Parent Education: All Things Montessori



Save the date! On **Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 pm** Ms. Kylee, Jasmin Head Teacher, will guide us through a journey of all things Montessori. Who was Dr. Montessori? What is the purpose of these materials? What makes this philosophy so special? This is a wonderful opportunity to take a peek at what your child gets to experience each day.

We know you will enjoy this evening on campus with other parents and DVMS staff.

Important Dates!



September 8: Ice Cream Social 5:00pm at DVMS

September 19: DVMS Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm

September 27: Montessori 101 Parent Education Evening
7:00pm - 8:30pm

October 4 - 6: School Pictures. More information coming soon
from Sandbox Photographers

October 9: DVMS Staff In-Service Day No classes for children

October 10 - 13: Parent-Teacher Conference Week. Half days for all children except
Sunflower. Extended Care available on a limited basis. Sign Ups begin on Friday,
September 15 at 10:30am

October 14: DVMS Fun Run Lafayette Reservoir

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