

FCS Montessori

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Meet Sunshine!

Sunshine is the newest addition to Ms. Nadia's 1st-3rd grade classroom. Named by her students, Sunshine is a juvenile, albino corn snake.

Female corn snakes can live to be 20 years old and grow to a whopping 4-6 ft! Male corn snakes grow to 3-4ft long, and with a lifespan of

up to 5 years. Sunshine prefers “fuzzies” to “pinkies” (mice) at mealtimes. Ms. Nadia says, “The pinkies are more of a snack and the fuzzies make her happy :)” While native to the forest floor in the southeastern United States, Sunshine has become quite comfortable in Room 62.



What Can I Say about the Trip to Suttons Bay?

A Short Recap by Brittany Jean Mitchell
10/2022

The students of Mrs. Anna's 4th / 5th / 6th class were truly aghast as they ventured up north to visit the beautiful waters of Suttons Bay.

Parental Volunteers were numerous and the support for this educational overnight adventure was sure to reap rewards for their young scientists on many levels. Mrs. Anna made the travels educational and explorative with her treasure hunts and road trip games. The students were able to keep their eyes on the glory of Michigan's bountiful nature while exercising their minds.



The Inland Seas Education Association welcomed our group with many glorious views of Lake Michigan and a schooner ship to face the waters head on. Upon shipping out, the students completed experiments, studied the depths of the lake and examined the micro and macro organisms of the Great

Lakes of Michigan. From invasive species to local fresh water sea life, Mrs. Anna's class and volunteers were up close and hands-on with over 50 species of sea life. Hoisting the sails and steering the ship made the priceless trip that much more enjoyable.



A wonderful sleepover, after living life on the local seas, made the youth feel like they were on a camping trip to remember. The night came to a playful end with the students sharing camp stories and s'mores around a bonfire next to a small private beach.



Immense gratitude was displayed from the Inland Seas Education Association for the enthusiasm and focus of the class. The students, also, expressed much appreciation for the volunteers and, most

notably, their amazing teacher, who made it all possible, Mrs. Anna Smith.

Photos by Mrs. Muhammad

Opportunities

Our new art teacher, Mr. Dean, is interested in doing more involved painting projects on canvas with our Montessori students.

He is accepting donations of:

5x7 canvas

8x10 canvas

acrylic paints

Any questions, please email

bdean@flintschools.org

Interested in being more involved?

There is a monthly Parent Advisory Meeting where we meet together to share information, ask questions, share ideas, and contribute our skills and talents for the benefit of the program

For more information

Email:

flintmontessori@gmail.com

November 8th: Election Day - including 6 school board positions

November 9th: Flint School Board Meeting 6:30 @ Accelerated Learning Academy

November 10th: DTM Parent Meeting 9am
(lhopkins@flintschools.org)

November 16th: Flint School Board Meeting 6:30 @ Accelerated Learning Academy

November 30th: picture retake day

Did you know that our Montessori Program has a free GSRP pre-k classroom located at DTM? For more information email:
flintmontessori@gmail.com

DTM STEM Night at the Sloan Museum

I am the Science Content Coordinator as well as the Math Science Coordinator. I took on the additional responsibility of Math Content Chair, but I have served as the Science Coordinator for several years. Each year I plan at least one Family Science night for students and parents to share in the wonders of Science. In the past, we have partnered with The Cranbrook Institute. Last year, we began a partnership with the Sloan Museum, due to COVID restrictions, we did a drive thru family night, and each student received a "Science in a Bag" take home project. This year, we were able to take our Family Science Night and make it a STEM night at the Sloan Museum. I wanted our DTM scholars to visit the Sloan Museum with their families, and experience all the new activities and exhibits at Sloan. I purchased two bicycles and several prizes from a scholarship fund I created in my brother, Paul's name. He loved hands-on-science activities and he really loved going to the Sloan Museum to see the cars collection as we were growing up. He was a real hands-on learner. All scholars that attended our family night were entered into a drawing for the prizes.

I am hoping to plan another STEM night in the spring with all new Science experiments and activities. The feedback from the kids and parents was very positive. We had almost 200 people attend this event.

Mrs. Rinoldo-Hopkins



What is a “Great Lesson”?

In Montessori education, there are five “Great Lessons”. These Great Lessons are the foundation of Montessori education in the 6-12 plane. It is the method by which children are introduced to the creation of the universe and then through time. The five Great Lessons are:

The First Great Lesson: *The Coming of the Universe*

The Second Great Lesson: *The Coming of Life*

The Third Great Lesson: *The Coming of Humans*

The Fourth Great Lesson: *The History of Writing*

The Fifth Great Lesson: *The History of Mathematics*

Ask your scholar about these Great Lessons!

Supporting the Montessori Education at Home:

Provide child-height areas in the bathroom, kitchen, and entryway. Encourage independence in getting dressed, putting shoes on, setting the table, and getting washed up.

There are currently openings available in the Kindergarten and 4th-6th grade classrooms.

Visit flintmontessori.org to submit a request for more information and get your application started today!

*Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed –
Maria Montessori*

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