

September

Wrap-Up



Lake Mary Montessori Academy

# Van Gogh Newsletter

## From the Teacher

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Dear Van Gogh Parents,

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year! I have enjoyed watching each child learn and grow over the past few weeks. The children are progressing through the curriculum and doing very nicely. Thank you for all of your support and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Sienkiewicz

### Peace Class

By: Olivia Mertin

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A few weeks ago, we started doing peace class with Mr. Pearce. Our first class, we learned how to use teamwork. We pretended that we were adventurers in the mountains. We put blindfolds on three people. Everyone else helped the blind people walk across the board. Last time, we had our second class. We put three of us in teams and we went on ski's. We used teamwork and communication to make it across the finish line. I hit my head on Joseph's head.

**The five parts of peace are tolerance, conflict resolution, kindness, inclusiveness, and joy.** We have a peace jar in our classroom. There are colors of rocks. Blue is tolerance, red is conflict resolution, gold is inclusiveness, orange is joy, and clear is kindness. Peace class is really fun!

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#### Upcoming Events:

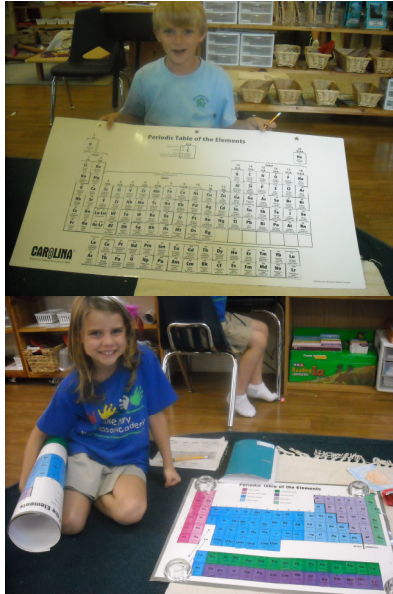
- *October is Pet Month!* Please email me a date and time that you would like to bring your pet to school to visit. Times will be at either 8:15 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.
- *Family Style Lunch* is Thursday, October 13th .
- *International Day* is Monday, October 24th.
- *Historical Presentations* are on Monday, October 31st. Information will be emailed soon. Please email me with who you would like to be.

## What We've Been Studying in Science...



We are studying about landforms. Landforms are ponds, islands, straits, gulfs, lakes, peninsulas, and isthmuses. Volcanoes are dangerous. They are like mountains but with ash coming out of the top. Mountains are really tall. The tallest mountain in the world is Mount Everest. And that is science!

By: **Manav Patel**



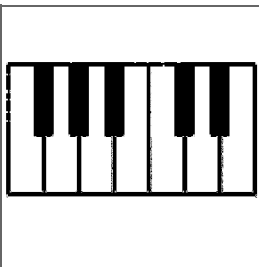
During August and September, we started to do lessons with atoms, elements, the periodic table of elements, and the states of matter. Mrs. Sienkiewicz told us that the atom is made out of protons, electrons, a nucleus, and neutrons. I did the element work and found out that different elements need a different amount of protons, neutrons, and electrons.

By: **Bennett Rash**

## Enrichment Corner

We have P.E. every Monday and Thursday. I was absent on the second day of school. That was a day of P.E. On the day I was absent, the class did musical hoops. We are learning how to play tennis. We did drop /serve. We also had a ball launcher. We had a 3 minute run. It was really tiring! We had an obstacle course. Devin was my partner. There was a wasp nest in P.E. and KK got stung. Mr. Linville sprayed the wasp nest so nobody else gets stung.

By: **Paloma Bouvier**



We have music classes on Friday's. It's very fun! During August and September, we did rhythm with rhythm sticks and drums with Mr. McElveen. Last Friday, we got to play the piano and the others were able to sing like "La La La La La La La La La." KK was good at "La-ing". By: **Divya Patel**

We have Spanish on Tuesday's. We are learning about Mexico. They sacrificed themselves and that actually helped them. In Spanish, we go to color the Mexican flag. We are learning these colors in Spanish: rojo, verde, rosa, and café. And that is what we are learning. By: **Max Thornton**



We have Art every Wednesday. I use paint brushes, pencils, cardboard, and a fork. We did collages, painted, and made peace words. Art is really fun! We also mixed colors. We did stuff with secondary and primary colors. Art is

awesome! I love Art! By: **Ashley Franco**