

# CLAIRE'S MONTESSORI MAY NEWSLETTER 2026

## The Last Month of the Academic School Year!

Dear Families,

We have a jammed-packed month full of fun activities for students and a celebration for all mother figures in our community.

We also wanted to thank all of you who were able to take time out of your busy schedules to assist with our postponed Earth Day event.

Much hard work was accomplished and our gardens are now prepared and planted. Let's hope for a plentiful variety of fruits and veggies from what was planted.

We also want to thank all of you for a wonderful turnout for the Book Fair. We raised a large amount of money for our school and now teachers will be looking to add more books to the classrooms.

As a reminder, our Graduation event is coming up on Wednesday, May 27th at the Orangevale Community Center at 5 pm.

More details will follow.

Sending our heartfelt thanks for being part of our community.  
The CMIA Team



### Important Information

**Primary drop off BEFORE 8:30AM**

**School-Age drop off BY 8:15AM**

**Pick-up 3:30 - 5:30PM**

**Infant-Toddler drop off**

**BEFORE 9:00AM**

### Important Dates for MAY/JUNE

**May 1: Career Day**

**May 8: Mother's Day Performances**

**3-4:15pm- see classroom emails for more details**

**May 22nd: End of the Year Picnic**

**May 25th: No School in recognition of Memorial Day**

**May 27th: Graduation Event, ALL PROGRAMS DISMISSED AT 12:30pm**

**May 29th: NO SCHOOL, Faculty In-Service**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> : First Day of Summer Program**



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## Montessori Quotes

“When a child is given a little leeway, he will at once shout, ‘I want to do it!’ But in our schools, which have an environment adapted to children’s needs, they say, ‘Help me to do it alone.’”—The Secret of Childhood

“... in every child is the seed that will mature into an adult.” —The Theosophist

Dr. Maria Montessori

### HOT LUNCH REMINDER

Parents, as a reminder, once you have opted into the lunch program it is for a full month.

**NO REFUNDS** as we budget for all monthly lunches.

Thank You!

### TUITION REMINDER

Dear Parents, we keep our tuition as low as we can in comparison to others in our demographic, while also working to be fair to our teachers and administrators.

We appreciate your prompt payment before the 5th of the month. If you need more time, please connect with Cathlean:

[director@clairesmontessori.com](mailto:director@clairesmontessori.com)

Thank you for your business and trust in our team.



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## Earth Day Pictures



### Gross Motor Development

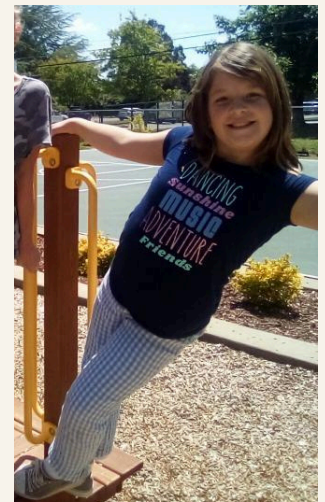
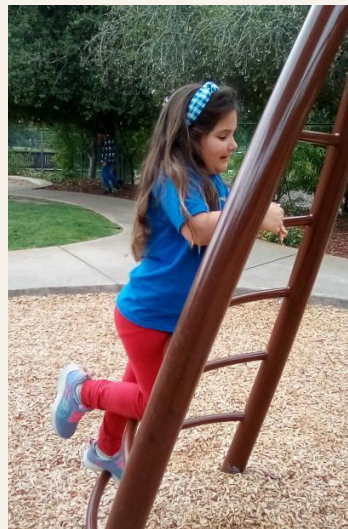
During the sensitive period for movement, children are particularly interested in developing their gross motor skills. They are fascinated by their own movements and the movements of others, and they are eager to explore their environment through movement. To support the development of gross motor skills during this sensitive period, it is important to provide children with ample opportunities to move their bodies. This can include activities such as crawling, walking, running, climbing, jumping, and dancing.

### Fine Motor Development

In addition to developing their gross motor skills, children during the sensitive period for movement are also interested in developing their fine motor skills. They are fascinated by their hands and fingers, and they are eager to explore their environment through touch. To support the development of fine motor skills during this sensitive period, it is important to provide children with activities that require the use of their hands and fingers. This can include activities such as drawing, painting, cutting, threading, and manipulating small objects as in our Practical Life and Sensorial areas of our curricula.

By providing children with opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills during the sensitive period for movement, we can help them to build a strong foundation for physical development and overall wellbeing.

Resource: Trillium Montessori Blog



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## Program Highlights Foreign Language

### Infant / Toddler

At the infant-toddler level, your child begins building a strong foundation for communication—starting with their very first signs and growing into words across multiple languages. In our Montessori classrooms, little ones explore American Sign Language (ASL) and other languages in ways that are joyful, natural, and aligned with their development—nurturing confident, curious communicators right from the start.



### Primary

At the primary level, we nurture early development through hands-on, child-led learning rooted in independence, curiosity, and respect. A key part of our curriculum is foreign language exposure, with a special focus on American Sign Language (ASL). Through interactive lessons, songs, and everyday communication, children build early language skills, cultural awareness, and empathy—all while strengthening their cognitive and motor development.



### School Age

At the School Age level, we build on the Montessori foundation with a focus on independence, critical thinking, and global understanding. Our foreign language program includes Spanish and Hmong, taught through conversation, culture, and interactive activities. This exposure supports language development, cultural awareness, and cognitive growth in a meaningful way.

