

Corpus Christi Montessori School

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“It is true that we cannot make a genius. We can only give to the child the chance to fulfill his potential possibilities.”
-Maria Montessori

Dates to Remember

- **January 16th** – Student Holiday
- **January 17th** – Report Cards home – Lower/upper elementary
- **January 18th/19th** STAAR Practice Test 3rd – 8th grade
- **January 20th** Field trip – Nueces County Livestock Show 1st – 8th grade
- **January 23rd** STAAR Testing 7th/8th
- **January 24th** STAAR Testing 4th-8th Parent Conferences 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- **January 25th** 12:30 dismissal
- **January 28th** – CCMS-PTO Annual Art Expo 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

CCMS PTO

The ART EXPO needs YOU!

Please attend the next meeting on Friday, January 13th – 3:30

Welcome our new families

We are excited to welcome new families to our community. Please be sure to say hello.

-Bray Family (Larry & Sharon)

(Harry-1st grade Ms. Claire). Harry started CCMS on November 29th

-Moore Family (Mike & Gina)

(Zac – 3rd grade, Luke – 1st grade Ms. Trudi). The boys started at CCMS on January 3rd.

-Bertero/Duncan Family (Cristofer, Erica & Dwana)

(Drake -6th grade Ms. Esther). Drake returned to CCMS on January 3rd.

-Dischert Family (John & Lisa)

(Sydnie-1st grade Ms. Claire, Milenna-3rd grade Ms. Melody). The girls will begin on Tuesday, January 17th.

-Castilleja Family (Ajapito & Maria)

(Alex – 1st grade Ms. Trudi). Alex will begin on Tuesday, January 17th.

Montessori Parent/Teaching

(Excerpt from Child of the World)

*I never teach my pupils;
I only attempt to provide the conditions in
which they can learn.*

— Albert Einstein

Parenting / Teaching

Through our children, we parents and teachers are the architects of the future of humanity. As we go about our daily lives in the presence of children we are constantly teaching by our own words, thoughts, and behavior.

Education is sometimes narrowly defined as the teaching of math, language, sciences and the arts, but the most important subjects to be mastered are: how to be happy, to be a compassionate friend, to express care through thoughtfulness and good manners, to identify a problem and work hard to solve it, to know how to be happy. More than facts, we must help our children develop a love of learning, an ability to make intelligent and responsible choices, to concentrate and focus, and to do one's best to complete a task to the satisfaction of oneself rather than to please someone else.

Concentration & Contemplation

It was the great discovery of Dr. Montessori that after completing a prolonged period of deep concentration and contemplation, a child often expressed a great joy and a desire to help others. Perhaps this is what adults who daily make time

for prayer or meditation feel, and why we think of them as happier, more peaceful, and in some ways better human beings than those of us who just rush from one task to the next.

Lessons on morality, books on morality, gold stars, these exterior inducements to happiness and goodness are never as successful as a good night's sleep or a long period of concentrated work or contemplation during which the mind can process the day's input, solve problems at a deep level, and come out happy.

The most important advice on parenting and teaching we can offer is to constantly watch for periods of concentration and contemplation in our children and protect these moments from interruption.

A Fresh Look. One of the most important attitudes to nurture is to see each child as a new being each day, forgetting the past and seeing only the potential for greatness.

This is also the best way to look at ourselves. It is a lot to ask of the adult to provide everything a child needs, and we believe that some time should be allotted, perhaps at the beginning of each day, to getting mentally prepared for the task by taking a walk, meditating, praying, etc. Then one is better able to take a deep breath and face the day with a feeling of being new and in the present moment. If we can balance ourselves, our interactions with our children will be more enjoyable.