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Montgomery Child Care Association, Inc.

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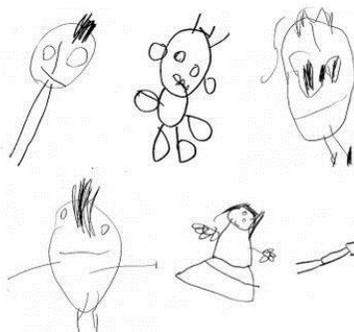


Message from the Director

We all want our children to get along with others, and an aspect of interacting with and getting along well with others is empathy. Empathy means you can think about and understand how other people are feeling. Children however require tools to learn how to be empathic and to appreciate how different people express their feelings. The first step is to teach words about feelings; happy, sad, mad, and then show pictures depicting different emotions. Children also need verbal prompts, for example when a friend is distressed; "How can we help our friend feel better?" Encouragement to verbalize one's personal feelings and emotions also helps build skills of empathy. For more information on this topic please visit - <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/ages-stages-empathy/>

What's New

CURRICULUM CORNER



The development of drawing and painting is very much like writing. Children need to scribble before they learn how to write letters or draw realistic pictures. The first stage is scribbling and making marks. It is during this stage that children manipulate different media, including crayons, pencils, paintbrushes, and markers. Fine motor control and eye hand coordination is still developing so this time is a period of experimentation and the work looks like random scribbles on a page. For children however there is meaning in their work, so when they share their work with you ask them, "Tell me about your picture".

Source – *Teaching Strategies, The Creative Curriculum*

Important Reminders

- Please park in designated spots when dropping off and picking up your children; the spots at the far end of the lot are designated for the program. Do not leave your car idling when coming into the building.
- All children must be signed in and out every day; sign in/out sheets are on top of the children's cubbies
- Check your child's cubby making sure to take home all summer clothing and replenish with fall clothing

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday Nov. 9 and Friday Nov. 10 – MCPS Early Release – MCCA OPEN FOR CARE
- Wednesday November 15 – Paddingtons Field Trip - Visit to the Music Department at Sherwood High school
- Wednesday Nov. 22 – Pre School Harvest Lunch at 12:30
- Friday Nov 17 & Wednesday Nov. 22 – MCPS Early Release – MCCA OPEN FOR CARE
- Thursday Nov. 23 & Friday Nov. 24 – MCCA CLOSED



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Suggested Resources and Reading

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Pre School – Books on the topic of Empathy

The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig

Red by Michael Hall

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni

School Age Reads- Books about Empathy

We're All Wonders by R.J. Palacio

First Grade Dropout by Audrey Vernick

Same Sun Here by Silas House & Neela Vaswani

Lost in the Sun by Lisa Graff

Continue the conversation about empathy, please visit -

<https://parenting.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/09/04/teaching-children-empathy/>

Child Care Subsidy Programs – Assistance with child care costs

The Department of Health and Human Services can assist eligible families by contributing to the cost of child care through the County funded Working Parents Assistance Program. Maryland's Child Care Subsidy Program (CCS), formerly the Purchase of Care Program (POC) is now centralized through the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Parents complete an application for the WPA program and a caseworker determines eligibility, based on income. Families whose income is under scale for WPA will be referred to CCS Central to complete an application for the state Child Care Subsidy Program (CCS). Please call - 240-777-1155