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Director's Note:

Welcome to MMO Programs! September is always an exciting month here and I am looking forward to getting to know our new students, as well as welcoming back those who are returning.

After our wonderful summer camp season ended, the Property Manager and his team worked hard at addressing maintenance issues and getting our spaces cleaned and ready for our return!

Our teachers and support staff have been anxiously awaiting their students. We are excited to welcome two new lead teachers – Miss Melissa in Caterpillars and Mr. Gary in Butterflies.

The lead teacher(s) of each program can be reached directly via email. Their email addresses are listed at the end of this newsletter as well as outside of the classrooms.

Please remember to label all of your child's belongings with his/her name and familiarize yourself with the Parent Handbook to answer many of your questions.

If you haven't done so, be sure to submit your child's Universal Health Record and Immunizations to the office. For any questions regarding billing please contact Danielle Hoover at DanielleHoover@mmoprograms.org and questions regarding health and immunization records to Missy at MissyPentecost@mmoprograms.org.

Please check bulletin boards outside the offices and classrooms for important updates on school and class happenings.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Corrine Harney, M. Ed.



Upcoming dates

- **9/5-9/6: CLOSED**
classroom setup
- **9/8-9/9:**
Caterpillars,
Ladybugs, and full-time students begin
- **9/11:** All school-only programs begin
- **9/19:** Panera Night fundraiser 4-8 p.m.
- **9/21: CLOSED** for Rosh Hashanah
- **9/27:** Parents' Night 7:30 p.m.
- **10/21:** Fall "Meet & Greet" 10:00-11:00

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Fireflies – Miss Tara



The Pre-k teachers would like to welcome everyone back to school! We hope you all had a fun summer. We are so excited to start our new year in the Firefly classroom and can't wait to get to know our new students. Throughout the month of September we will spend some time getting to know each other. We will discuss our favorite things, where we live, our similarities and our differences. The children will be able to explore their new classroom and take some walks around the building to visit some familiar faces.

In the math area the children will review colors and shapes. We will experiment with making colors and go on a shape hunt in our classroom. Towards the end of the month, in the area of Science, we will begin our discussion of Fall. We will work on some projects about apples and learn how they grow.

Our main goal this month is to make sure everyone's transition into Pre-K goes smoothly. We look forward to meeting everyone at our Back To School Night on **September 27th**. We will discuss what goes on throughout your child's day and answer any questions you may have.

Butterflies – Mr. Gary

In September we will spend a lot of time getting to know the classroom, the rules and expectations for our room, as well as, getting to know one another. The main theme in the classroom will be "All about Me!"

As we learn about being members of a classroom community, we will be focusing on classroom rules and procedures as well as transitioning from one activity to another. You can help reinforce these concepts by asking your child questions such as "When is it okay to use a loud voice? When should we use a soft voice?" or "What do you do to let someone know you are listening to them?"

Throughout the next few weeks, we will be working on projects that will help us get to know one another better. We will talk about our similarities, as well as our differences. Not only do we all look different, but we also have different interests. Some of our projects will be "buddy painting," with a partner at the easel and each student creating a large classroom puzzle piece individually and then putting them all together, demonstrating how "we all fit together" as a class!

These activities, along with read-alouds, singing songs and playing games will all help students feel positive and welcomed in their new class. September is a time of transition and we want to help each child ease into a new and exciting school year!



3 YEAR-OLD PROGRAMS

Dragonflies Miss Megan



Another school year is upon us! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacations! I can't wait to begin another fun-filled year of learning!

The month of September will be dedicated to making new friends and reuniting with old ones. The children will be busy exploring their new classroom and learning the classroom routines. We'll talk about the classroom rules and how we can learn and play in a fun, safe environment. I have many fun activities planned and I am so excited to start!

I am thrilled to be starting on this year's journey with your children! I look forward to watching them learn, grow, and have a fantastic time in our class!



Aftercare Enrichment:

Welcome back to all of our families. I am very excited to kick off the school year with all of the exciting activities happening in Aftercare. This month we will be focusing on activities related to the season of fall such as raking leaves, thumbkin patches, and tree bark carvings.

Mr. Jim will be teaching us French through music immersion.

Ms. Tess will focus on Creative Movement.

Ms. Deirdre will be back to rock out with us and teach us all about music.

Ms. Mimi and **Ms. Susan** will be creating lots of art projects about symmetry and back to school.

Mr. Gary will be bringing stories to life with Fairytales.

Ms. Malessa will be creating projects and activities for STEM.

Ms. Nicole will teach us a combination of Yoga and Karate known as Yogorate.

Ms. Megan will be creating lots of fun projects using apples.

Please be sure to check your email to see what is happening each month!

- Alex Latona,
Lead Aftercare Teacher

3 YEAR-OLD PROGRAMS



Bumblebees Miss Christina



Welcome back! September is a very busy month for the Bumblebee classroom. I am very excited for the year ahead and all of the fun stuff we will be working on. We will be spending the first month getting to know each other and making new friends. We will begin learning our class routines, such as snack, circle time, clean up, and play time; as well as beginning show and tell on Tuesdays and Fridays. As the month progresses, we will work on mixing colors, shapes, and apples. If at any time you have a question, please do not hesitate to ask!

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Grasshoppers Miss Wendy



The Grasshopper room is ready to have a fantastic fall! We will dive into our new "Creative Curriculum" by doing all sorts of exciting activities and playing that support the learning domains!

Our primary focus in September will be getting to know each other and the classroom routines. We will read some great books such as, "The Kissing Hand" and "Maisy's First Day of Preschool." Coming to preschool is a big transition, so we will be noticing how each individual child is experiencing their time with us and doing our best to make everyone comfortable.

Another book that we will hear in September is called, "Hello." We will talk about saying, "goodbye" to our families in the morning and, "hello" again at pick-up. We are even going to make a game out of it!

We will practice making marks on paper with crayons, chalk, markers, and paint and experimenting with different textures in our sensory table!

There is lots to do, we can't wait!



A message from our Infant & Toddler Coordinator:

Welcome, new families, and welcome back, returning families!

As coordinator of our youngest programs, I am involved with the Caterpillars, Ladybugs and Grasshoppers classes. Those of us who work with these groups have a special place in our hearts for these youngest of children. I am here to support both you and your child--please reach out to me to share concerns or successes.

I'm sure you're noticing that there's a wide variety of temperaments when it comes to drop-off: some young children have a difficult time separating from parents while others barely notice their parent saying "goodbye." Fortunately, both styles—and everything in between—are typical.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance with the transition to school or new classroom, or with anything else.

You can reach me at janburgess@mmoprograms.org or our MMO phone number, 973-744-6521.

Jan Burgess
Infant/Toddler
Programs Coordinator

INFANTS & TODDLERS

Ladybugs Miss Joelle & Miss Malessa



September is an exciting month in the Ladybugs' classroom. Getting to meet your wonderful infants and toddlers has been extremely delightful! We will spend most of our time nurturing them, while also helping them transition into a more structured day. The theme this month is "All about Me."

Our focus will be introducing concepts about one's self, while enhancing skills and knowledge the children have already acquired about themselves. The activities this month will help our ladybug caregivers develop innovative and fun ways to help your children approach learning. We kindly ask if you can send in a family picture(s). We will tie them into our theme and they will also help with their transition. They will be posted in the classroom where the children are able to touch them so please send in a copied picture that you won't need back. Get ready for a year of fun, creative and a hands-on experience!



Caterpillars - Miss Margaret & Miss Melissa



With the new school year upon us, please accept our warmest welcome. This September the youngest of our MMO community will begin their exciting journey by transitioning into group care and focusing on their social/emotional skills. Building strong and sincere bonds with their caregivers will help ensure that our infants are given the best opportunity to flourish in the program. We look forward to an exciting and positive experience for our young Caterpillars.

The theme for this month will be "All about me and my family". That being said, we ask that a family picture be brought in to be included in the class family photo book. These photos will be used during story time and will help the little ones feel more at home in their new environment.



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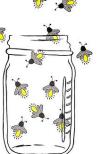
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WHERE IS MY CHILD'S CLASSROOM?

- Caterpillars are in Classroom A off of the main entrance.
- Ladybugs are downstairs from the MMO Offices to the right in Classroom D1.
- Grasshoppers are downstairs from the MMO Offices to the right and down the hall in Classroom D2.
- Bumblebees are in Classroom B off of the main entrance
- Dragonflies are downstairs from the MMO Offices to the left, off of the gym in Classroom C.
- Butterflies and Fireflies can be accessed by either the Pre-K entrance near the playground (photographed below) or down the hallway outside Classroom D2. The Butterflies class is in Classroom E and Fireflies is in Classroom F.



Parents corner:

Hello all!

The Parents Association is gearing up for an exciting year. To kick it off, we will be having MMO Night at Panera Bread **on Tuesday, September 19** from 4-8 p.m. Be on the lookout for the flyer (paper or electronic) that you can present when you order to have proceeds donated to MMO.

We will also be starting our Fall fundraiser – Silver Graphics Art. The children will be creating their masterpieces in class, and a custom order form will be sent home for you to review and place orders, to be delivered in time for the hoidays. Watch for more info to come.

Our ongoing fundraisers for Metropolitan Plant Exchange and Loveable Labels are also in effect; proceeds from purchases are donated back to MMO.

If you would like to sign up to be a class parent, if you have any questions or just want to say 'hello', please email mmoparentassociation@gmail.com.

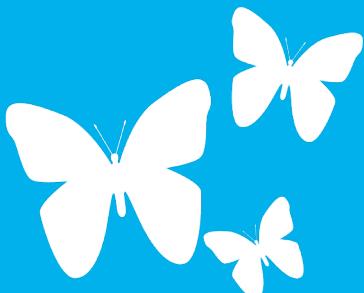
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