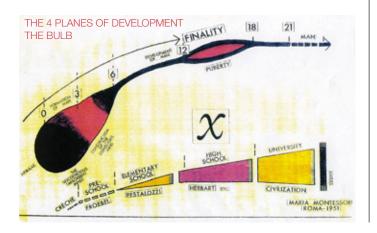


Montessori 101

Despite all the restrictions we keep going, despite distancing we unite, following our path towards building a strong, warm, and joyful community.

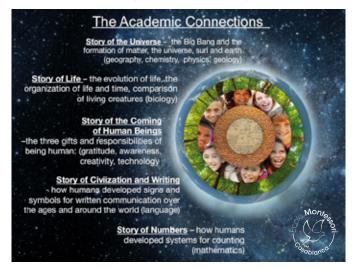
On Wednesday, March 31st, EMC held a parent evening to introduce our community to the exciting elementary curriculum, and get their hands onto some samples of the materials the children get to experience.

Our Elementary Curriculum Coordinator, Allison Lide, initiated the workshop with a sweet recollection of gratitude, when each participant shared one aspect of their lives they felt grateful for.



She then offered a refresher about the Montessori continuum with its four developmental stages, describing the human needs at each given stage, and the Montessori response.

The focus was then brought to the elementary stage. Allison described how the academic curriculum stems from the cosmic stories told to the children at the start of each year. She gave the parents a glimpse of what the stories are about, from the creation of the universe, to the coming of life, of human beings, of language, and finally, of the number system.



After this theoretical introduction, parents were invited to explore some of the materials in the areas of mathematics, geometry, language, biology and geology. With the guidance and support of our elementary guides, the parents got to experience what it would be to learn abstract concepts in a way that is tangible and concrete. We got quite a few "Aha!" moments that are always so pleasant to observe!









PEER OBSERVATIONS

The past few weeks have been marked by the shuffling of our teaching staff, taking the time to leave their daily routine to observe in other environments. This is a wonderful growth opportunity both for the observers and for the observed, as best practices are shared, and mutual suggestions offered. Each enters their environment with fresh ideas and perspectives. Peer observations are highly encouraged at EMC. Each environment stems from the personality of its guide, giving it a unique atmosphere and routine. We believe so much strength lies in the power of collaboration and learning from one another. We are grateful for such a supportive community of adults who share our mindset and work for the betterment of not only their own environment, but our school as a whole.



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MEDIA WORKSHOP

On Wednesday April 28th, we are honored to greet Myriam Ezzakhraji, journalist and founder of Mediadam Presse.



She will be offering our youth a workshop about the use of internet, its legislative regulations, and possible dangers. This workshop will be held at our Californie Campus, for our Elementary 5th and 6th years, and young Adolescents (11 to 14 year olds).











COMMUNITY WISHES

In this month of April, our community celebrates four spiritual events: Holi, Passover, Easter, and Ramadan. We wish each and every one of you wonderful celebrations, may they fill you and your families with love, life, and health.

During the month of Ramadan, school hours will be maintained as they are currently. We seek to maintain a steady morning work cycle, as this is important for our children's healthy development.

