

OUR DRAMA PERFORMANCE



GET YOUR TICKETS!

This year, we are back in-person for our annual Drama Performance at Gorton Community Center. The Elementary children spend a week rehearsing their lines, songs, and dances at Gorton, before performing on Friday, June 3 at 6:30 pm. "Skirt Tale" is the story of Gilgamesh and his search for the answer to a riddle. Our hero gets help from the four ancient rivers. The students are so excited to share this performance with you! Order your tickets today. Ages 5 and up only please.

Children Transitioning in the Fall

When your child is ready to transition from the Young Children's Community to the Primary level, they visit their new classroom several times with their current Director, and then without. They gradually become familiar with their new Director and then begin fully on a specific day. Moving from the Primary to the Elementary looks a little different. This happens at the start of a new school year and when we resume school in January. The children who will transition this fall visit the Lower Elementary classrooms on their last day of school, May 27, when the Elementary children are at Gorton for Drama Week. They will explore their new environments with their current Director. Once they begin in the fall, the children will experience the excitement of the "Great Lessons" all together. The Elementary Directors, in turn, will be visiting the Primary to observe the students in a familiar environment. The students transitioning from Lower to Upper Elementary will be invited for lessons on the 9-12 patio, a group lunch, and may attend the Upper Elementary Summer Session, if they wish. Finally, those transitioning to the Secondary Level have toured already and will enjoy lunch there during the last week of school.

OUR *FBS JOURNALS* NEWSLETTER WILL RESUME IN THE FALL!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 27 • 11:30 DISMISSAL
YCC & Primary Last Day of School

MAY 27 • 9 AM - 3 PM
Elementary Drama Week Begins
through June 3

MAY 28 • 11 AM - 1 PM
Family Beach Picnic

MAY 30 • MEMORIAL DAY
No School

MAY 31
YCC & Primary Summer Session
Begins (*through June 24*)

JUNE 3 • 6:30 PM
Drama Performance - Gorton

JUNE 6
Elem. Summer Session Begins
Upper Elem. through June 10
Lower Elem. through June 24

SUMMERTIME IS ALMOST HERE!

ENJOYING THE SEASON WITH YOUR FAMILY



As we approach the end of the school year and the beginning of summer, you may be wondering how your children will fill their time once they are not in school each day. We have a few ideas...

Spend as much time outside as you can. Because we have such long winter months, take advantage of the warm weather and sunny days to soak up the sun's rays and breathe in the fresh air.

Children of every age can help plant a garden, whether it is in your backyard or in a container on your porch. Tilling the soil, making holes in the soil in which to drop the seeds, watering, weeding, and harvesting are all extremely satisfying activities. You can plant a circular pizza garden, planting tomatoes, basil, onions, and peppers. Or try a garden shaped like a rainbow, with vegetables or flowers of different colors making arcs of color when in bloom. Plant a sunflower garden house, in which the sunflowers grow to be the walls, and the roof is made of vines growing along strings tied to the sunflower heads.

Another way for your children to fill their time is to sweep the patio, wash the vegetables, help set the dining table for your family meals, fold the laundry, and wash the car.

Don't forget to play in the yard, do scavenger hunts for nature objects, run through the sprinkler, ride your bikes, swim in the lake, and hike through the preserves at Lake Forest Open Lands.

Bring your books outside and read on a picnic blanket or at the beach. Make sure your children read quality literature to enrich their mind and enliven their imagination. Have them collect one leaf from each tree in your yard, making a collage or poster naming their shapes or classifying their types. Make a work of art out of flowers, grass, seed pods, and leaves.

Above all else, spend relaxed time together this summer, enjoying each other's company without screens, phones, or tablets. The world is full of wonders that no movie or game can fully capture. Allow your child to be bored, and they will build miniature castles in the woods, boats in the ravine, and forts in your backyard.

Enjoy the beauty and order of nature..."Nature—where order in variety we see, and where, though all things differ, all agree." (Alexander Pope)

"Let the children be free; encourage them; let them run outside when it is raining; let them remove their shoes when they find a puddle of water; and, when the grass of the meadows is damp with dew, let them run on it and trample it with their bare feet; let them rest peacefully when a tree invites them to sleep beneath its shade; let them shout and laugh when the sun wakes them in the morning..."

- DR. MARIA MONTESSORI