



# Montessori Minutes -

Corpus Christi Montessori School

## October 2018

CCMS LOVES THEIR STUDENTS

Dear CCMS Families,

What a busy month September has been. It is wonderful to see so many of our families on campus and participating in our Family Events. A big thank goes out to Ms. Terri for her hard work on the Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to our PTO and our parents who donated for the materials for extra outside equipment to be used in P.E. and recess. We have lots of events in October be sure to mark your calendars. Also, we would love to have you observe in our community. Please check with Ms. Ada to set up a time and remember to read through and adhere to our Observation Guidelines. CC-Montessori is need of parents to:

- plan excursions or service projects for our Middle School;
- help plan a Peace Garden and Labyrinth in our front area;
- help maintain or update our school Web site;
- prepare and shelve books in the library;
- listen to our first-grade children read.

Ms. Esther is excited to begin classes for Parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Please take a moment to fill out our two-question survey about what time works best for you.

### Our Amazing Students

Many of our students are not only amazing on campus, but also excel in their extra curriculum activities. We want to celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to:

*Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade outside Volleyball team who played in a Tulozo-Midway tournament this past weekend. Way to hold your own girls!*

### Absences & Tardies

It is important to have your children be here each day. We understand illnesses and appointments occur; however, it is vital that we have students in attendance to receive lessons and learn. Our first Six Weeks of school we had 110 absences. This amounts to **\$5,500.00** in lost revenue for our school. If your child is absent, please send a note when they return.

### Upcoming Events

October 1	Report Cards home Middle School to NCI Camp
October 3	Middle School returns
October 5	No School - Staff Development
October 8	No School – Columbus Day
October 11	MAST Board Meeting 12:00 p.m. Lower/Upper Elementary teachers to training
October 16	PTO – 5:30 p.m. Fall Gathering 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Join us for dinner and pumpkin decorating
October 20	Spruce Up CC-
October 25	Montessori 8 am-12pm Rockin' K Maze Field Trip 8:30 – 1:30
October 29-31	Upper Elementary to NCI Camp
November 2	Day of the Dead Celebration

## Alternatives to Discipline

Six-year old Bobby walks into the kitchen from playing soccer.

Bobby's dad, Tom, had asked Bobby to take off his muddy shoes before entering the house. Red Georgia mud dotted the new hallway and den carpet.

When Tom sees the footprints, he is furious about the mess and that Bobby had disobeyed him.

"Bobby," Tom says, his voice rising, "for disobeying me, you'll not be able to watch TV for a week. And John won't be able to come and spend the night on Friday."

Bobby starts to cry and runs up the stairs yelling, "You're the meanest dad in the world. I hate you."

Punishment for misbehavior can have the undesirable consequences of resentment and anger that can damage our parent/child relationship, perhaps forever.

What alternatives to punishment do we have?

In their book, *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen*, Faber and Mazlish give seven alternatives to punishment in order to help children learn and exhibit appropriate behavior.

### 1. Point out a way to be helpful.

Tom could have phrased his command differently. "Bobby, it would be helpful if you would take off your shoes on the porch and clean them outside." Or after the dastardly deed was done, "It would be helpful if you would sit down right now and take off those shoes. Then you can help me clean up the mud stains."

### 2. Express strong disappointment in the action without attacking the person's character.

Tom could have said, "Bobby, I'm disappointed that the carpet is muddy from your soccer shoes. I asked you to take your shoes off before coming into the house."

### 3. State your expectations.

"Bobby, I expect you to listen to me and do what I ask."

### 4. Show the child how to make amends.

"Bobby, after you take your shoes off, you'll need to help me clean the carpet. If the mud doesn't come out, I want you to go with me to rent a carpet cleaner."

### 5. Give a choice.

"Bobby, if you want to continue playing soccer, you need to remember to take your shoes off before you come into the house. You need to pay attention when I tell you to do something. Forget to take off your shoes, then no soccer. You decide."

### 6. Take action.

If Tom has given a choice, such as the choice given above, Tom will have to take action if Bobby forgets to take off his shoes again.

### 7. Allow the child to experience the consequences of his misbehavior.

"Bobby, since I'll have to clean the carpet tomorrow, I won't be able to take you to the movies like we had planned."

If our goal is to help our children learn appropriate behavior, punishment may not be an effective way for the child to see his mistake.

When dealing with misbehavior, try using one of these seven alternatives to avoid anger, resentment and discouragement in your child and to help build a trusting, loving parent/child relationship.

It may take a lot of practice to catch our reactions, but I think you'll see it's worth it.

## SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 8-12 A.M.

HELP US SPRUCE UP THE GROUNDS AND PREPARE OUR FALL GARDENS

### ITEMS NEEDED:

CEDAR MULCH (40 BAGS)

GARDEN SOIL (20 BAGS)

OUTDOOR PAINT ALL COLORS PINT SIZE

GARDEN LINING FOR BEDS (1 ROLL)

BRING YOUR SHOVELS, RAKES AND GLOVES

WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON OUR CHICKEN COOP  
CHICKEN WIRE, 2X4'S FOR GATE AND HAY NEEDED!