

The Garibaldi Class
1st-3rd Grade
Back to School Night
2011-2012

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California Montessori Project, Capitol Campus
Room 5



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Meet Your Teachers

Hi, my name is Lisa Savage. This is my sixth year at CMP. For the last five years, I have been working at the California Montessori Project, Elk Grove Campus. I chose to work at CMP because I believe in the Montessori Philosophy and the positive impact it has on students of all ages.

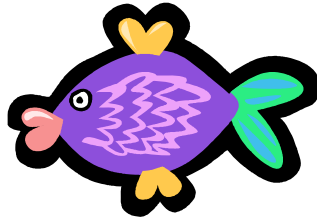
Currently, I possess a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and Masters in Education. I have successfully completed the Montessori Training for ages 3-6 and 6-9.

In my free time I enjoy the outdoors and spending time with family and friends. I love to go running and played soccer for many years. I grew up down by the beach and love to go visit whenever I get the opportunity.

I am really excited to be part of the CMP Capitol Campus. I am really looking forward to a great school year!!!

Hello all! I'm pleased to be returning for my second year as a TA in the Garibaldi classroom. I grew up in the Sacramento area and after completing high school I studied Fine Arts at Sacramento City Community College and I later received a degree from Sacramento State University in English. After completing my degree, I began working as an Instructional Assistant at a private school in Placerville. After working there for a couple years, I was hired by the California Montessori Project to work in Club Montessori and later as a Teacher's Assistant in the Garibaldi classroom. I enjoy books and music and am currently pursuing a degree in Library Technology.

Mary Rinehart



Introduction

As always, the start of the school year holds promise of new discovery and learning, as well as the prospect of new growth in all areas. We have put together this handbook of information to help you and your child become familiar with expectations for the year. Please read through this information with your child, then sign and return the last page. Please keep the handbook in a special place so you can refer to it throughout the year when needed.

To contact us, please leave a message with the school office at (916) 325-0910 or e-mail Ms. Lisa directly at lsavage@cacmp.org. We will return all messages promptly.

We look forward to an exciting year with the class! Thank you for you cooperation in getting this year off to a great start!

Ms. Lisa & Ms. Mary ☺



Schedule of the Day

8:15-8:30am	Arrive at School / Journal
8:30-9:00am	Morning Meeting/Speed Tests
9:00-9:15am	P.E.
9:15-11:45am	Job Time/Lessons
11:45-12:00pm	Clean-Up/Story Time
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch/Recess
1:00-1:30pm	SSR/AR/Reading Groups
1:30-2:30pm	Cultural (Zoology, Botany, History, Geography, Geology, Music, or Art)
2:30-2:40pm	Clean-Up
2:40-2:55pm	Me Museum/Appreciations
2:55-3:00pm	Dismissal



Classroom Policies

Please have your child arrive to school on time. Tardiness is a disruption to class, as well as an embarrassment to your child. Morning circles are much more successful when all participants are present and ready for discussion. Tardy students must go to the office to get a tardy slip before entering the classroom.

Additionally, any student who leaves school prior to their regular dismissal time must be signed out in the office by a parent and obtain an early dismissal slip.

Students must come to school in dress code attire wearing appropriate footwear each day. High-heeled shoes are not appropriate for school. All sandals must have a strap around the heel for safety. Please send jackets or coats during the cold weather months

Electronics, Gameboys, and personal toys are not allowed in the classroom at any time. Additionally, no magazines are allowed that are not educationally sound or intended to be used for your child's classroom activities. If you are unsure if a particular magazine is fit for classroom use, please ask Ms. Lisa for approval. Books (labeled with your child's name) are appropriate.

Students will not be allowed to leave school with anyone other than a parent or designated adult as written on the emergency cards. If you wish to have another parent pick up your child, please send a written note to school with your child. A picture ID will be requested if a teacher does not know the designated person. Thank you for your cooperation.

Daily dismissal time for the Garibaldi class is at 3pm. For your convenience, parents can pick up at the loop/carline on Citadel. Parents who wish to see me, may do so after carline at 3:15pm. This will reduce disruptions during end of the day announcements and routine. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the volunteer calendar or set up an observation time **at least 24 hours in advance**. All volunteers need to be live scanned and have an updated TB Test on file. Please sign in at the office to get a visitor badge before coming into the classroom. We look forward to seeing you. ☺

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are held during October and March during progress report time. There will be sign up sheets posted in advance. We will make announcements in the newsletter as well. Additionally, we are happy to make an appointment with any parent throughout the year upon request. We will also be available after school for any questions that may arise between 3pm and 4pm Monday through Friday. Thank you for your consideration.



Snack and Lunch

We will participate in a morning snack break daily. Please remember to send a snack with your child in his or her lunch box. In an attempt to help our students develop good work habits, we strongly discourage the addition of high sugar content items in snacks and lunches. These types of food can give children a "burst" of energy, and shortly thereafter, an even greater low than he or she previously experienced. Unprocessed foods and low sugar foods are healthier and aid in keeping the classroom environment more peaceful. Candy, gum, and caffeinated drinks are not allowed at school.

If your child forgets his or her lunch, we will allow students to go to the office and call home for forgotten lunches. Lunch is from 12:00-1:00pm daily, and lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria. No sharing or trading is allowed with any food. This is a health issue due to many children with allergies. When lunch time is over, students will clean up their area in preparation for recess.

****Birthdays:** You may bring in treats for the class to share in honor of your child's special day. We appreciate birthday treats that are nutritious and easy to serve and clean up. Please remember to bring plates, napkins, utensils and other necessary items to enjoy the birthday treat! *Please schedule your child's birthday celebration with Ms. Lisa at least 48 hours in advance.* If your child's birthday falls on a school holiday, please let us know and we would be happy to schedule an alternative time for your child's celebration.



Field Trips

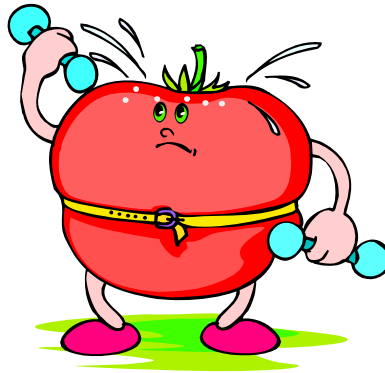
We have scheduled some exciting field trips this year. We would love to have you join us. It is CMP's policy that only parents who have fulfilled all of CMP's field trip requirements may attend field trips. Please see Ms. Lisa for more information. In addition, we do not allow siblings to attend field trips for liability and distractibility reasons. We are actively seeking a volunteer to serve as our Field Trip Coordinator. Once we have designated a Parent Field Trip Coordinator, the coordinator will be responsible for the following:

- Eight weeks prior to field trip, send out field trip permission slips containing all pertinent information
- Six weeks prior, coordinate all drivers and recruit more drivers if needed
- Four weeks prior to the field trip, have list ready of student/driver assignments, exchange cell phone numbers with all drivers, give all permission slips to designated drivers (of kids)
- Coordinator may or may not attend each trip (optional), but must prepare the trip with name tags, educational materials, or any other relevant materials.

The following is a list of proposed field trips for this year:

High Hill Ranch	October 19, 2011
Maidu Center	November 2011
Nimbus Fish Hatchery	December 16, 2011
Discovery Museum (on campus)	January 24, 2012 (1 st grade)
Discovery Museum (on campus)	January 25, 2012 (2 nd grade)
Discovery Museum (on campus)	January 26, 2012 (3 rd grade)
Wild Things (on campus)	April 19, 2012
Soil Born	May 22, 2012
Aquatic Center	June 2012

***Please note that we anticipate an approximate cost of \$100.00 for all events and field trips this year. * If you have any questions, please see Ms. Lisa. Thank you so much for your support!!**



Parent Participation Jobs

The following are some ideas to fulfill required parent participation hours:

- Volunteer in the classroom
- Computer Assistant(s)
- Monthly Scholastic Orders
- Making copies
- Field trip chaperone/driver
- Take materials home to print, cut out, or laminate
- Help with holiday parties
- Dance/P.E. Volunteer
- Gardening Coordinator
- Assist during school events
- Check with the office for work around the campus (painting, planting, etc.)

The following is a sample of our weekly work plan. Please note that work plans vary in difficulty to better fit the need of your child. The teacher will sign off on each job as it is completed on a daily basis. Work plans will be sent home every Friday. Please review the work plan with your child. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

M O N D A Y	<input type="checkbox"/> Journal <input type="checkbox"/> Math Job <input type="checkbox"/> Language Job <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Math Facts <input type="checkbox"/> 1 page of Handwriting <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural	<u>Notes:</u>
T U E S D A Y	<input type="checkbox"/> Journal <input type="checkbox"/> Math Job <input type="checkbox"/> Language Job <input type="checkbox"/> SRA <input type="checkbox"/> 1 page of Handwriting <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural	<u>Notes:</u>
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Classroom Handbook Acknowledgment

By signing below, you are indicating you have read and discussed this Garibaldi Class 2011-2012 Handbook with your child. Please keep the handbook for future reference and sign, date, and return this page.

Parent Signature_____ Date_____

Student Signature_____



ME Museum Information

Each week, one student is featured in the class ME Museum. A "ME Museum" consists of a collection of artifacts that are special to the person featured. These items may be photographs, special mementos, small toys or dolls, even trophies. Your child can choose to up to 5 items (1 per day) to bring to be placed in the museum (a large aquarium) for display throughout the week. ME Museum lasts for five school days, and all artifacts go home on Friday. Please keep track of the schedule so your child does not miss out!

The purpose of the museum is to allow your student to share items that are of personal importance with his or her peers. When choosing the items, please discuss with your student the significance of the artifact, as they are asked to share about it and will be asked questions. The ME Museum will be shared at the end of the day.

If you have any questions about the ME Museum, please don't hesitate to ask us. We are looking forward to seeing what your student chooses to share.



Garibaldi Class Me Museum Schedule

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Me Museum Week:</u>
Teachers	August 17th-August 19th
Aynslee	August 22nd-August 26th
Elise	August 29th-September 2nd
Leopold	September 5th-September 9th
Paris	September 12th-September 16th
Evan	September 19th-September 23rd
Jackson	September 26th-September 30th
Cole	October 3rd-October 7th
Ethan	October 17th-October 21st
Ragini	October 24th-October 28th
Gael	October 31st-November 4th
Alyson	November 7-November 11th
Madeline	November 14th-November 18th
Magnolia	November 28th-December 2nd
Tess	December 5th-December 9th
Lennon	December 12th-December 16th
Jenan	January 9th-January 13th
Vincent	January 16th-January 20th
Kira	January 23rd -January 27th
Ryan	January 30th-February 3rd
Gael & Elise	February 6th-February 10th
Leopold & Paris	February 13th-February 17th
Evan & Jackson	February 20th-February 24th
Cole & Ethan	February 27th-March 2nd
Ragini & Aynslee	March 5th-March 9th
Alyson & Madeline	March 26th-March 30th
Magnolia & Tess	April 16th-April 20th
Jenan & Lennon	April 23rd-April 27th
Vincent & Kira	April 30th-May 4th
Ryan	May 7th-May 11th