

Our World at Small World



WHAT DID WE DO THIS MONTH? STEP INTO OUR WORLD AT SMALL WORLD!

Dear Parent(s),

This previous Month (March 15th-April 15th) was a busy month here at Small World Montessori School, filled with tons of celebrations and learning. We hope you enjoyed Spring Break and had an enriching Parent-Teacher Conferences. We are also very excited to share with you the success of our recent Spring Celebration, which took place on April 5th at our School. It was a wonderful opportunity to our school community to come together and celebrate the Easter Holiday and the arrival of Spring.

The event featured a variety of activities including the Easter Egg Hunt which was the highlight of the event, with all of our students eagerly searching for eggs. It was heartwarming to see the joy and excitement on their faces as they found their treasures and surprises. We want to express our gratitude to all the parents and families who attended and participated in the festivities. Your support and enthusiasm were instrumental in making the event a great success.

It is our aim to provide parents with a monthly newsletter highlighting all the activities that happened during the previous month. In this month's letter, we have also included a featured article from The American Montessori Society entitled '7 Tips for Play-Based Learning At Home With Your Children' by Rebecca Leigh.

We hope you enjoy seeing all the activities your child took part in. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. This newsletter is for parents, and we are open to suggestions including Article Selections. Join us in May as we prepare for our upcoming Summer Program and celebrate our Small World Montessori Mothers in our Annual Mother's Day Brunch!

Sincerely,

Ms. Andreina Gomez

Administrator of Communications and Marketing

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Important Dates

Monday, March 13th

Second week of PTC

Monday, March 20th

Spring Break Begins

Wednesday, April 5th

Spring Celebration

Thursday, April 6th

Work Folders Going Home

Friday, April 7th

Good Friday- No School

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FEATURED ARTICLE– “7 TIPS FOR PLAY–BASED LEARNING AT HOME WITH YOUR CHILDREN”

Most families are well aware of the notion of “learning through play” and many wish to start this as early as possible with the babies and toddlers, using play activities at home to give their children a head start on their learning. For those families keen to learn and play with their children, just how involved should this be? Should you be constantly trekking to the craft store for craft supplies? Or stressing about how to make your activities? Here are seven useful tips for home-based learning through play with your children.

1. Have Fun and Be Creative

Choose brightly colored toys that have many functions and potential for different kinds of play. Set up a simple art area at home which could be as basic as crayons and paper, or easels, paints, and plastic aprons! Make a small and colorful book corner in your living room or child’s bedroom or set up a magnetic board in the kitchen with animals and letters. You are not setting up “school” but making a fun place for your child in which to discover, create, and explore.

2. Turn Off All Distractions

When engaging in play with your child, you would like them to focus and so should you! Is the television on? Turn it off! Is your phone near you, pinging with notifications? Move it to another room! If your child is not distracted by moving images, lights, or sounds, you should experience a more rewarding playtime that is concentrated and really captures the attention of both adults and children.

3. Be Creative with Reading

Your children are never too young to be read aloud to. You can employ silly voices as you read or dress up as your favorite character while you turn the pages. Fostering an early love of reading can aid your child’s cognitive and language skills and result in great bonding time as a family over shared beloved books. Bernard Toomey, a children’s psychology writer at [Academized](#), says, “Reading a child’s favorite book can springboard to other activities like baking or craft activities related to the story or the characters. Use your imagination and your child’s will be nurtured, too.”

4. Always Encourage

Give your child a confidence boost during play by rewarding them with language that tells the child what they did was good. For example, “Look at you! You turned off the light!” A hug or a high five when they achieve even the very smallest thing in a play task, like placing a shape in the correct hole or identifying a picture of an animal, is wonderful encouragement. Keep up the fun energy and positivity!

5. Don't Over-Schedule

Scheduling too many activities in the day or being too inflexible in a timetable can be counterproductive. Children need large amounts of time to have the freedom to play on their own and see where their imagination takes them. Make sure there is enough “down time” where your child is not tied to a time limit or too rigid a structure.

6. Allow for a Little Failure

Don’t try to micro-manage your child’s play too carefully and allow them to make mistakes so they can learn from them. It’s how adults do things, after all! Follow their lead, and let them fail, then, when they are successful in another small task, boost them with a little praise.

7. Explore the Sensory

Great fun, exploration, and discovery can come from engaging in sensory activities. Use a sandbox, water in a bucket outdoors, or a bowl of dried noodles, and let your child enjoy sensory play by drawing shapes, numbers and faces, or finger painting with water on an outside wall. Outdoor play gives plenty of scope for sensory activities, like swishing through piles of fallen leaves, messy play with mud or rocks, or even just walking barefoot on the grass. You could also set up a “sensory kitchen” outdoors with lots of potential for creativity and fun!

Play-based learning at home can be a whole lot of fun and very rewarding for both families and children. These tips should help in getting the most out of your play activities and how to lead your children in the right direction as they explore, grow, and learn!

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TAKE A LOOK INTO OUR SPRING CELEBRATION!



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TAKE A LOOK INTO OUR DAILY MONTESSORI LIFE!

