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Greetings From the Head of School

Happy February! We are very excited for the upcoming Gala celebrating our 35th year! We are still looking for items for our silent and live auctions. If you or someone you know has something to offer, please let us know. If you haven't yet purchased your ticket to the Gala, please consider joining us. It will be a fun evening of dinner, dancing and laughs. Come party with your MANH family!

Snow Day - by Layla Morrissey

On January 12 it snowed almost 8 inches! Due to the harsh weather, we decided it was best to temporarily postpone classes. Icy roads and fog are terrible conditions to endure, and for the safety of our students and staff, MANH made the decision to close until the following weekday. We hope everyone made the most of this rare opportunity whether you spent it inside or out!

Game Night - by Stella Frolick

Erdkinder had another amazing social outing in the form of a game night. On January 19th, students brought their favorite board and video games to share with their friends. They played games like Uno, Just Dance, and Mario Kart while eating delicious pizza. Stakes got pretty high, but fun was still had by all!



Interession - by Kyle Riffner

Every year after winter break, the Erdkinder students return to school for interession, a three-day limbo period between the first and second semesters. During the shortened week, students reacclimate themselves to their school schedules and prepare for student-led-conferences. Amidst all of the associated writing and evaluations, Erdkinder also attends educational and service-oriented field experiences which help to make the week more fun and engaging.

Field Museum- by Eli Nelson

During the interession, the Erdkinder class visited the Field Museum in downtown Chicago. We saw many different exhibits, including one titled “Bloodsuckers”, which highlighted creatures like leeches, mosquitos, and bats. The exhibit was a hit among students and staff alike. Additionally, the class also learned about the indigenous people of the Americas and beyond. Overall, this was a great educational bonding experience.



Feed My Starving Children - by Eli Nelson

One key part of a Montessori education is community service. During the interession, Erdkinder went to Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), which is an organization that sends food to people in need. During the two-hour experience, our group helped send seventy boxes of food (which amounted to over 2,000 meals) to the Dominican Republic. The process for packing boxes involves lots of effective communication and teamwork, both of which are cultivated in our Montessori community.

Campus Corner: Monthly Paragraphs

Valentine's Bake Sale

As Valentine's day approaches, Erdkinder's theatre club decided that the perfect opportunity to spread love and cheer in the MANH community would be hosting a bake sale!

The bake sale will take place on February 13th from 2:30 to 3:30 at the Freeman East campus.

Pre-orders will be accepted from February 5th to February 9th, and payment is due with pre-orders. Please follow the instructions on the blog post to pre-order!



Fun Episodes of Freeman East

Elementary students are extremely excited for the upcoming overnight trip, Dozing with the Dinos at the Field Museum. Time ticks until the 9th of February, when everyone will be able to snooze with the skeletons!

Fascinating Work at Freeman West

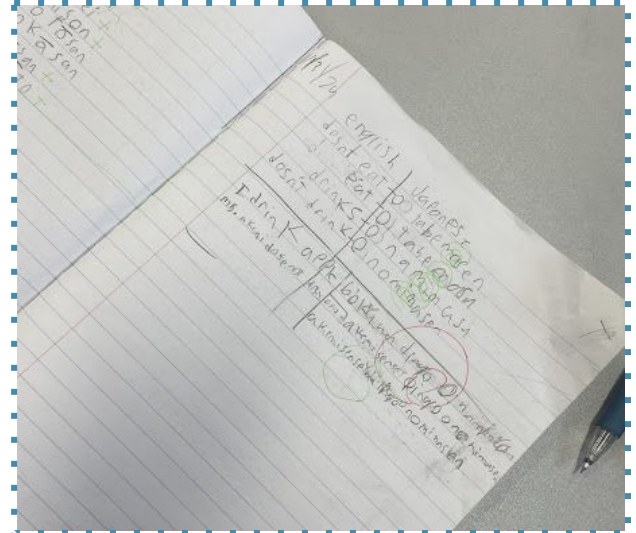
Erdkinder is getting back in the groove now that the second semester has begun. Starting up our food prep on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as our lunch with primary on Wednesdays lets us connect as a community over a delicious meal while teaching real world skills!

Huntington Happenings

The children in the infant and toddler classrooms enjoy doing work independently. We are thrilled to be able to offer the space and materials for them to do their big work. Please check out the classroom blogs to see some of the work they are capable of!

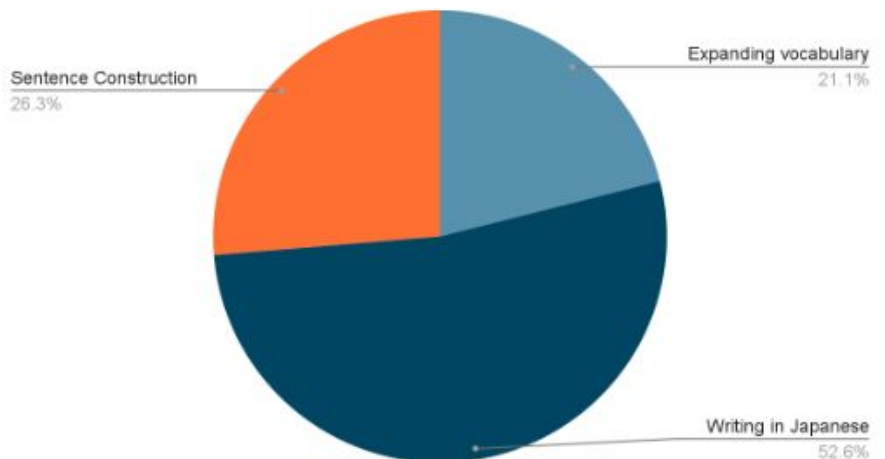
Maria Montessori said, "The essence of independence is to be able to do something for one's self... the child works in order to grow, and is working to create the adult, the person that is to be. Such experience is not just play... it is work they must do in order to grow up."

Classroom Focus: Japanese



Select students from Japanese classes in both elementary and Erdkinder shared their favorite part of Japanese class.

Favorite part of Japanese class



A Day in the Life - by David Azaran

Ms Akemi begins class by collecting homework, evaluation forms, and stamp sheets. If anyone forgets, she will remind them to bring it to the next class. She then uses flash cards to help the students learn and review vocabulary. The lower elementary class is starting to learn new verbs (Ex: To eat and To drink), and throughout the process Ms. Akemi ensures that they use proper pronunciation. She also facilitates sentence construction as the students learn how to use the newly acquired vocabulary. This keeps the group engaged as they try to say the sentences aloud. After the verbal exercises, she makes sure that everyone takes notes of the new words for future reference. Whenever a student messes up, the rest try to be helpful as they each learn this new and complex language.

Meet the Erdkinder Students!

by Alayna Faiz and Layla Morrissey



- Jayin Wu is a 7th grader in the Erdkinder Classroom who is extremely passionate about sports like basketball and football. In his spare time, he likes to draw, play video games, and shoot hoops on the court! Jayin has been attending this school for about 4 years, and his favorite subject to indulge in is Math.

- Lena is one of the 7th graders in Erdkinder. She previously attended another Montessori school in Long Grove, but she transferred to MANH in fifth grade. In her free time, Lena likes to draw cats and play video games like Genshin Impact. She especially enjoys potato chips and would eat them all day long if she could. One day, she hopes to travel to Italy and amongst all of the famous sites, pizza, and pasta, she plans to, of course, find more potato chips.



Meet the Teachers + Staff!

by Alayna Faiz

- Ms. Connie is one of the newest staff members here at MANH. She is the office manager and has worked at MANH for almost seven months, and she loves interacting with the students and their families. Aside from work, Ms. Connie spends most of her time at home with her four-year-old son and seven-year-old daughter, but she also loves going hiking and listening to country music. As a child, her dream was to become a nurse and a racecar driver and even though that dream didn't come true, Ms. Connie still loves her job!

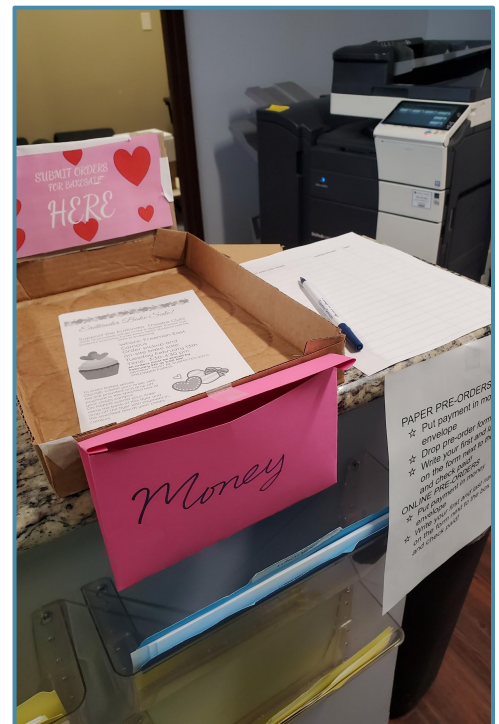
Come to the Erdkinder Bake Sale!

Submit pre-orders online or on paper along with payment now until February 9th!

Pick up delicious goodies on Tuesday, February 13th, from 2:30 to 3:30 PM!

Baked goods will be available on site for a higher price than pre-orders

A family Valentine's basket silent auction will be held for a chance to win a collection of sweets and fun!



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
2/9/2024	Erdkinder Cafe	7:45 AM	Freeman West
2/9/2024	Erdkinder Bake Sale Pre-Orders due	9:00 AM	All campuses
2/9/2024	Dozing with the Dlnos overnight	5:30 PM	Freeman East
2/13/2024	Erdkinder Bake Sale	2:30 PM	Freeman East
2/13/2024	Early Dismissal	2:30 PM	Freeman East & West
2/19/2024	Discovery Day	All day	All Campuses
3/2/2024	International Day	2:30pm	All Campuses

Show your love and appreciation for friends and family by bringing them to our Valentine's cafe!

February 9th

7:45 to 8:15 AM

Freeman West campus

Specials: love potion lemonade,
courtly velvet cupcakes with cream cheese
frosting, cupid's cookies

