The Los Niños Early Childhood Montessori Program welcomed parents to the 2018-2019 Parent Orientation on Thursday-Friday, Sept. 27-28, 2018 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Cheri Tucker, Los Niños Director, introduced the Los Niños Montessori Staff, and the 2018-2019 Parent Handbook was reviewed. Lead Teachers, Maria Davila and Claudia Hernandez, engaged parents in a classroom tour to explain the Montessori curriculum, daily schedule, and work cycles.

2018 - A Great Beginning!

The United In Action (UIA) Parent Support Group launched on Thursday-September 27, 2018. Parents and staff united in action to build a UIA Fund to support program goals and initiatives with monthly donations of $10.00.

- Purchase of Montessori classroom
- School Awning and Signage
- Special School Events/Seasonal Activities
- Safety Surface for Outdoor Play Area
- Field Trips/Bus Travel Cost

Los Niños Early Childhood Montessori Program earns Gold-Level recognition from the TX Department of Agriculture for its commendable work in support four Wellness Areas:

- Menu
- Nutrition Education
- Physical Activity
- Environment.

August 31, 2018
James Yonjon is a three year old who came to “ Los Niños Montessori Program in June 2018. One of the favorites Montessori works he enjoys is “bubble-making” #2 in the Practical Life Area, which helps him practice coordination, control of movement, independence, and organization. Another activity he likes is plant care, where he waters the plant and cleans its leaves. James loves to work with the train where he connects the train tracks. This activity encourages him to compare sizes, categorize shapes, and order. In the Math Area, James likes to use the “just enough “works in which he mastered the symbols and quantities.

James loves to read and listen to stories in the library. In the Language area, he is working on Sound Basket #6, where he practices three-letter sounds and recognizes the beginning sounds of words using concrete objects. James displays confidence in his achievement and is always eager to learn more in all areas of the Montessori classroom. James has expressed his feelings about his new school saying, “I like to come to school.” This makes me, as his teacher, so proud.

James would like to work as a Farmer when he grows up because he likes to take care of animals.

Kaedyn Scott was 4 years old when she enrolled at Los Niños. She is very bright, cheerful, sweet, positive, humorous, and open-minded student. She is very independent with great concentration and scan work with others or by herself.

Kaedyn is becoming increasingly aware of her body in space by her progress in coordinated physical activities. Her repertoire of favorite Montessori tasks includes “sound baskets,” which she has learned six sets of and has been practicing the sound for each letter and “Bubble Work” in the Practical Life area, which helps her with organization, concentration, control of movement, and independence. Kaedyn also learns quickly through visual and tactile experiences and uses sensorial materials, such as the monomial cube, sound and knob cylinders, and color tablets #2.

Kaedyn has developed great friendships with her classmates. She is always enthusiastic when it comes to assisting other classmates with their needs, such as waking them up from naptime, guiding them to place their mats on the rack, and showing them how to fold their blankets. She is a pleasure to teach.

When Kaedyn grows up, she wants to become a Teacher.

Enrique Rivera was born on May 28, 2014. He joined “Los Niños” at four years old in summer 2018. He was very quiet and shy; yet, open and eager to learn every lesson that was presented to him. His social skills have grown tremendously. He is more verbal now, talking to friends, and his English vocabulary and confidence has increased.

Enrique’s favorite area of work is Language. Enrique recognizes the symbol and sound of 23 letters of the alphabet. He enjoys doing the bridge to the movable alphabet and working on beginning sounds using pictures. In the Math area, he is practicing symbol and quantity with numbers 1-10. Enrique enjoys the Spindle Box, making sets from 0-9 and tracing numbers using the blackboard. In the Practical Life area, he loves food preparation where he uses the apple cutting work to wash, cut, and share an apple with friends, clean and place materials back on the shelf. This work helps him develop coordination, concentration, independence, and order. Enrique is an excellent student and classmate who uses good manners, listens with understanding and shows empathy towards others.

Enrique said that he wants to be a Police Officer when he grows up to help reduce crime!
**Joel Torres** is a 4 years old boy who has been at “Los Niños” since 2017. He has a large vocabulary and can retain information easily and tell facts. He loves trains and brings his trains often to Show and Tell. As a result, most of the works he displays in the classroom become trains.

Joel enjoys the Practical Life Area where he uses Montessori works such as bubble making, lacing, dressing frames, and art. Bella is also a very neat and organized girl. She always follows the steps required to use these works, and she cleans and restores materials after she is done. Bella often paints on the easel and likes to color and draw.

In the Language Area, Joel is working with the Object Box #2, beginning to isolate the initial sound of objects. Even though she is very comfortable in her native language, she is adding more words to her English vocabulary. In the Math Area, he is working with numbers (symbol). Joel uses the dominoes and the mat. He counts the dots and places them in order in the corresponding number. He is also able to count in English and Spanish.

Joel is a very kind and helpful boy. He knows the classroom rules, and he is very attentive, making sure everyone is following them. Joel also has a very vivid memory and loves to share different experiences like the time he rode in an 18-wheeler to school. He loves to retell that experience.

When Joel Torres grows up, he wants to be a **Businessman** and work with his mother in her office.

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**Ariana Garcia** is a very sweet five year old girl who has been a student at Los Niños Montessori Program since the 2016-2017 school year. She is kind, caring, friendly, and always respectful to others.

In the Language Area, Ariana is reading three letter words with short vowel sounds, working with phonemes, consonant clusters, and reading Bob books. She is an active participant in small and large group discussions. In the Math Area, Ariana has been practicing one digit addition facts using concrete objects and identifies and extends mathematical patterns. She enjoys Montessori works in the Practical Life area, such as bubble-making, large water works, food preparation, and doll washing which prepares children with skills, such as concentration, order, body coordination, and independence.

Ariana has expressed that she wants to be a **Veterinarian** when she grow up because she likes all kinds of animals, especially cats.
On Friday, November 16th, 2018 from 3:00-9:00 p.m., Los Niños Early Childhood Montessori Program celebrated its second Chuck E. Cheese “Los Niños Family Night” at the 600 Gulfgate Center Mall. The fundraiser launched October 19th! The goal is to receive 15-20% of proceeds from the total of food and ticket sales. Los Niños has earned $285.84 for our program. Upcoming “Los Niños” Family Nights are Dec. 21, Jan. 18, March 22, and May 17, 2019. Join us!

On Thursday, August 30, 2018, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., Paddy Treviño and Cindy Mutchler, volunteers with More Than The Move organization, under the leadership of Jamie Hampton, surprised the children of Los Niños Early Childhood Montessori Program by donating sleeping mats, blankets, puzzles, school supplies, and a large area rug for Ms. Hernandez’s classroom. Paddy Treviño read “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” story by Eric Carle. The children created unique Very Hungry Caterpillar character necklaces and booklets to take home. The children and Los Niños staff are very grateful for the generous donations and appreciate the special time that was shared with the volunteers.

In July 2018, Los Niños students were excited to receive two Vizio 4k 55” Smart TVs from Sims Metal Management Company. Afternoon screen time with physical activity shows, interactive sing-a-longs, and special movie days never looked so good! Thanks to Mike Monberg, General Manager and Roxann Caballero for your generous donation.
Los Niños students received 15 Chromebooks, two Lock N’ Charge Carrier Cases, 20 headphones with microphones and 20 mouse accessories in November 2018 from Save the Children Organization. Students are also enjoying 10 Leap Frog Learning Tablets with Academy edition which provides 1100 + activities and 2 large Leap Reader- (Reading and Writing) systems with 20 Early Reading Books. Los Niños students spend one hour daily of enrichment time interacting with their new technology which supports pre-literacy, language development, and other content skills.
Los Niños Early Childhood Montessori Program began its SPIRIT WEEK on Tuesday, AUGUST 21-25, 2018. Check out our students/staff creativity: Tuesday-Crazy Hair Day, Wednesday-Crazy Hat Day, Thursday-Character T-Shirt Day, and Friday-Favorite Shades/Glasses Day! The Los Niños Director, Cheri Tucker, found an un-identical twin, and Jennifer Vasquez, Administrative Assistant was totally twist-
“SPIRIT WEEK” Continued...

So Cute!

So Cool!
HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS!

The month of October at Los Niños Early Childhood Montessori Program was filled with engaging lessons, the history of Dia De Los Muertos and various Halloween Activities: **Annual Fall Festival** with treat bags from ABC Dental and Save the Children community partners, **Annual CFC Halloween Parade**, **Halloween HPD Visit & Treat Bags** from the HPD-Police Activity League (PAL) and a **Trick’or Treat Lunch** with creative foods and snacks.
Los Niños Halloween Parade Thru Community Family Centers

First Stop: Family Support Services

Office of the CEO
Maritza Guerrero

CEO-Executive Assistant
Dr. Frecia Todd
From the CEO to the Administrative Suite...

Lucy Gonzalez
Major Gifts Coordinator

Harla Kaplan
Director of Development

...then upstairs to Technology and Adult Education Offices
Into Classrooms ….Here We Come!

We even enjoyed a homemade “Spooky: Lunch!”
Fall Festival Begins with Relay Races

The Elephant March

The Witch’s Hat Toss

Skeleton Catch
Spider’s Web
Monster Toss
Bats-ket Ball Hoops
Arts & Crafts
Face Painting
Find The “Four”
Pin the Bow on Mr. Bones
Moonwalk Fun
Belinda Torres-Festival Coordinator
Hanging Out In the Pumpkin Patch!
FALL Birthdays

September

Aleli Valle—September 23
Matias Hernandez—September 13
Maya Brantley—September 26
Camila Macias—September 26

October

Ronaldo Posada—October 6
Pedro Candelaria—October 11
August Sheridan—October 11
Ariana Garcia—October 23

November

Bella Rodriguez—November 15

Los Niños Loves Its Community Partners!

Los Niños Early Childhood Montessori wants to acknowledge the community partners, families and organizations that extend continuous support to our Montessori program. Their generosity, caring for children, and investment in our students’ learning is a contribution that promotes and enables our vision to educate, empower, strengthen, and build... “Strong Families Today, for a Stronger Community Tomorrow.” The organizations listed below provide invaluable resources to our children and parents throughout the year in the form of instructional supplies, tuition scholarships, technology, books, program funding, classroom resources, special events, Christmas gifts, parent workshops, volunteers, professional development, enrichment programs, and much more...

TRS
Young Learners
CDBG
More Than The Move
ABC Dental
HPD PAL Program
Sims Metal Management
Chuck E. Cheese
ExxonMobil

Friends of Montessori
Kalyani Pandya and Family
Save The Children
Workforce Solutions
Finca Tres Robles
Garden Oaks Montessori –HISD
United Way Bright Beginnings
Texas Department of Agriculture
Child Care Council of Greater Houston

Upcoming Events: Sent via Remind App!