

End of the School Year Celebration!

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The end of the school year is a very important time for children. It is a time to recognize and share how much they have accomplished. The End of the School Year Program at Starmaker is no exception. The Primary classrooms and the Elementary programs will participate in the graduation program while the lower school – Infants through Preprimaries will host activities in their respective classrooms. It is common for Montessori schools to mark the end of the year with a day where parents, grandparents, teachers and children can celebrate the children's accomplishments.

This year our End of the Year Program and Picnic will be held on Friday, June 7th. The graduation program will be held in the P2/P3 environment, which will be followed by a school-wide picnic.

This is also a good time of year to stop and think about how your children have changed through their Montessori experience at Starmaker. The following are outcomes of a Montessori education. As you read these, think about your own children and how they have changed and grown from their year(s) at Starmaker.

- Montessori children tend to be compassionate and sensitive to nature and others around them.
- They have the desire to get involved in an activity for pure enjoyment and satisfaction.
- Montessori children generally follow the rules whether or not parents or teachers are watching.
- They are confident about what they know but also expect the same from their peers.
- Montessori children tend to be aware of their words and actions towards others.
- They normally are great leaders and team players.
- Montessori children tend to be self-directed and independent.
- Children who attend Montessori schools tend to become confident and competent. As adults, they normally become quite successful. But at the same time, they tend to be able to learn from their mistakes and remain open minded. When it comes to academics, Montessori provides students with skills that allow them to become independent adults and life-long learners.

Enjoy the End of the Year Program and Picnic with your children on Friday, June 7th!

"It is the child who makes the man, and no man exists who was not made by the child he once was." **Maria Montessori**