

## Upcoming Events

September 27 – Picture Day

September 30 – Grandparents and Special Friends Luncheon

October 7 – Field Trip to Bowles Farm

October 28 – Evening of Montessori and Spaghetti Dinner

October 31 – BAE Sponsored Halloween Walk

# Starmaker School

Wednesday Weekly

Stephanie Grable – Director



## RESPECTFUL COMMUNITY

As I entered the classrooms during the first few days of school I could hear the students full of momentum and excitement for the year ahead.

The earliest weeks of the Montessori classroom are spent in focus with lessons of *Grace and Courtesy*. Planting the seed for purposeful social interactions starts at an early age. **Children learn by example.** This is true. It is endlessly important to model through simplicity:

- 1) Creating space for a friend at circle time.
- 2) Lending a hand with a heavy load.
- 3) Holding the door.
- 4) Showing gratitude and greeting others.

The classroom guides (teachers) must call attention to the unique details in conversation and etiquette so that children and become meaningful and delighted in daily interactions.

**Children need opportunities to practice these new skills.**

Your child will be excited to see the modeling and will want to mirror similar situations. A child may wait near the door in order to hold it open for an arriving friend. She may offer seat others at group time, taking the role of Mother Hen.

New lessons need reinforcement. Do not feel rushed or pressured to find a quick solution. Allow your child to problem solve social situations

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and incorporate new language. Children in the Montessori community find much joy in developing the awareness of self, culture, environment, and community. Build a part of foundation and model *Grace and Courtesy* today!



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## Library of Congress

This Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, will be the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Book Festival held at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.! This year includes children's authors such as Sophie Blackall, known for *Ruby's Wish*, *The Big Red Lollipop* and the *Ivy and Bean* series.

