

Greetings Parents, Students, and Guardians!

Attached are new assignments for the Week of May 11th - May 15th that were created by the Upper Elementary Team. Our overall theme continues as the Fundamental Needs of Humans.

Dr. Maria Montessori wrote that peoples' fundamental needs are essential to human existence and fall into two categories: material (survival needs) and spiritual (pertaining to the soul and intellect). Material needs include: shelter, food, clothing, transportation, defense (safety, protection), communication. Montessori considered spiritual needs to be of utmost importance in order to realize a peaceful world. Spiritual needs include: love, spirituality/religion, culture/arts/music, and vanitos (self-adornment).

For more information click the link below:

<https://www.montessoriservices.com/ideas-insights/the-fundamental-needs-of-humans>.

Each day your student will complete assignments that will center around this theme. The following **Montessori at Home Week 6 Assignments**. They will also be asked to complete Explorations assignments.

Each homeroom teacher will also be setting up virtual meeting times for next week and will be contacting you with specific dates and times. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach out to us by email or Remind. We truly appreciate your role in your child's education, especially now!

Warm Regards,

The Upper Elementary Team at Charles Ellis Montessori Academy

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Note: Office hours are a time for you to contact your child's teachers for one-on-one lessons, individual help on work, etc. Of course, your teachers are also available any time during the school day to answer your questions.

**Upper Elementary Montessori at Home Week 5 - Project Based Learning
Assignments**

Theme: The Fundamental Needs of Humans

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assignment: Begin your Fundamental Needs End of the Year Project.	Assignment: Continue working on your Fundamental Needs End of the Year Project.	Assignment: Continue working on your Fundamental Needs End of the Year Project.	Assignment: Continue working on your Fundamental Needs End of the Year Project.	Assignment: Submit your project and answers to questions below on Google Classroom or by email.

Reminder: You should be completing one EXPLORATION activity each week. Activities from each Exploration are available on our school website. There are so many fun things for you to do!!

Fundamental Needs End of the Year Project

Assignment Directions: *For the last week of school, you will choose your OWN project that focuses on the Fundamental Needs of Humans. The needs that we have not covered are clothing, transportation, defense (safety, protection), and communication. Montessori considered spiritual needs to be of utmost importance in order to realize a peaceful world. Spiritual needs include: love, spirituality/religion, culture/arts/music, and self-adornment. Your project can be a research paper, an experiment, creating a model, creating art or music, or any other platform you can think of. Please answer the following questions for your project. You can submit your answers on Google Classroom along with your project once it is completed. We look forward to seeing your creativity and passion!!*

What is your topic?

Is there a question that you will be answering? What do you hope to learn?

How do you plan on sharing this project with others?

What materials will you need?

Which academic subjects will you be covering in your project?

List any questions that you have or ways that we can support you.

Practical Life

“Education is a natural process carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment.” Maria Montessori

As we work to prepare ourselves and our home environments to educate the children outside of the traditional classroom, let's not forget that Practical Life is a key component of what children need to be experiencing.

For Upper Elementary children, practical life should encompass activities that they may need to know as they grow toward adulthood. We have started a list of some of these practical life activities that you can do at home. Our hope is that you and your child(ren) will add more activities that are appropriate for your family. The children should be incorporating practical life activities into their daily schedule.

Ideas include but are not limited to:

- Making a daily schedule (preparing for the day, work cycle, brain breaks or recreation, meals, indoor & outdoor chores, reading, some kind of creative outlet....)
- Meal planning
- Cooking
- Household budgeting
- Chores
- Arts/crafts
- Gardening
- Exercise
- Take your dog for a walk
- Connect with a friend or family member (grandparent, cousin, aunt) virtually or write them a letter

“The essence of independence is to be able to do something for one's self.” Maria Montessori

Weekly Reading Log



Student: _____ Week of: _____

Day	Title	Author	Genre	Start time	End time	Parent Initials
Mon.						
Tues.						
Wed.						
Thurs.						
Fri.						
Sat.						
Sun.						