



Hummingbird

Garden

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Dear Parents of Hummingbird Community,

As we approach the end of our first semester of school, I find myself reflecting upon all the delightful experiences the children, Kate and I have had. Among them is the Outdoor Environment Day-- I enjoy seeing each of you come early in the morning with tools in hand and children in tow ready to make our yards and gardens beautiful. Another that comes to mind is the Sharing Feast for which your children work very hard in preparing food with the anticipation of sharing it with mamas, papas, mommies and daddies. Last, but also of great importance, is your presence at the parent gatherings. You are all always ready to hear the information I might have to share on the evening's topic; ready to ask questions when something is not clear and open to the suggestions, comments or ideas the parent community has.

I believe that all that we have experienced this past semester has been due to your commitment, time and trust: the commitment to your children, in bringing them to school every day into an environment that is set up to allow them to experience independence with confidence; taking the time to give back to the community with your labor and giving up precious family time to come to our parent gatherings and conferences; and the trusting in me to observe and work with each of your children to provide within the environment what each of them needs.

As I write all this I am thinking about how all of this is just the beginning, and that we have quite a road still to travel within the school. This small environment which your child attends is part of a much greater, giving community. So it is with great appreciation for your commitment, time and trust that I ask for more of your generosity in donating to the Annual Fund—the fund that helps fill the gap between tuition income and the actual funds needed to provide our little community!

The Annual Fund helps our small community in so many ways. This year, I will attend the A.M.I. Refresher Course held in California. I will have the privilege of hearing my trainer, Maria-Teresa Vidales present on ***The Adult's Role in Indirect Preparation of the Prepared Environment***. In two short weeks, we will be observed by and receive consultation from an AMI trainer as part of our AMI accreditation year, an important but very expensive process for our little community.

If you have already given, please know that it is greatly appreciated; for those that have not yet given, please join me in supporting our community during this time of giving. Give as much as you can, but no more than is right for your family.

With respect and appreciation,

Margarita