

Welcome back to school and to studio! George Michael, Amy and I are so excited to be back to learning and working alongside each of you and your children.

The **S**tudio is an open-ended environment, designed to facilitate supportive social learning, creative expression and emergent thinking. We approach education as research and our annual questions inform the direction of inquiry. Please join us in pondering this years' studio questions:

- ❖ What's the role of imagination in the learning process and how might we continue to nurture it?
- ❖ How can creative expression serve to deepen learning, relationships and community?

We look forward to the months ahead!

Tune into the studio blog: (<https://natureandchild.blogspot.com>) for weekly updates and please plan to participate in our Studio events throughout the year: *Studio Night* in the fall, our studio *Conference* and *Curator's Talk* in April, and our *Celebration of Art* in May to learn about our year of discovery. The delivery of these events depends on a number of factors so stay tuned to find out more as dates approach

Now for some general housekeeping:

- The creative process and the materials your child will work with can be **messy**. Smocks are worn in the studio but please don't send them in their brightest, whitest attire. Their clothing may not return home in the same manner.
- If you haven't already, we encourage you to bookmark the **studio blog**. www.natureandchild.blogspot.com. It is a wonderful way to be informed about your child's daily studio experience throughout the year.
- Also, consider liking Children's Garden Montessori School on Facebook and Instagram. They are useful tools for receiving news, updates and links as the year goes by.

Documentation, photography and videography are important elements of what we do. Please fill out all relevant paperwork regarding permissions ASAP so we can begin the year ready to go!

On another note, the studio is a wonderful place to join together as a community in support of the children. Depending on our status for visitors at school and if you are interested in collaborating with us around cultural topics, cooking, festivals, interests, travel experiences and more **PLEASE don't hesitate to contact us** we always opportunities for volunteering! We look forward to seeing and meeting each of you!

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With Warm Regards,

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