



## MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER



### **INTRODUCING OUR NEW DAYCARE TEACHER RAQUEL**

We give a warm welcome to **Raquel Aguiar** who has been working with us since mid-April, as a full-time teacher in classroom 3. For the month of May, Raquel is also leading a Spanish dance and storytime activity for classrooms 1 and 2. This activity will take place in the mornings around 10:15am.

The following is an introduction from Raquel to our parents:

I am so excited to be working with your children at Montessori Pointe Claire. Many of you have met me already and it has been an absolute pleasure to speak with you.

To introduce myself briefly, I am from Brazil and speak Spanish fluently and will be teaching in Spanish for our students. I graduated as a geography teacher in Brazil and have completed my Early Childhood Education certification here in Quebec. I love to work with music, yoga poses, telling stories, motor activities and crafts, especially with recycled materials. I love to work with parents, as partners, to help our students to grow happy, safe, and independent.

I am free to talk with you at any time.

Raquel

### **WELCOME BACK TO OUR INTERNS**

Welcome back to our Interns, Kamal and Manpreet. They are here to complete their stages with us. Many of you will remember Kamal and Manpreet from January and February this year. They are now back from May to July 😊

## SENSORY BINS

We are happy to introduce the activity of Sensory Bins to Montessori!

**Sensory bins** are hands-on tools for children to explore their world through **senses**. **Sensory** play may calm, focus, and engage a child. Benefits of **Sensory Bins**: **Sensory** exploration: **Sensory bins** may incorporate a variety of **senses**: touch, sight, sounds, taste, and smell for children to learn and explore.



Research shows that **sensory play** builds nerve connections in the brain's pathways, which lead to the child's ability to complete more complex learning tasks. **Sensory play** supports language development, cognitive growth, fine and gross motor skills, problem solving skills, and social interaction.

Both the children and the teachers are really enjoying this new activity!

## END OF YEAR PARTY AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

We will be celebrating our end of year Graduation Ceremony in our classrooms with our classmates this year.

The date will be on **Friday, June 18**. If your child does not usually come on that day, you are invited to bring your child on that day.

For that day, please supply your child with their morning snack only and we will have healthy party snacks for them available for them in their classrooms for the afternoon.

We will post all the pictures on Facebook!

