



MMM Students 2011-12



harvesting for dinner



*making a teeter totter for
pack-goat training course*

Greetings from Metro Montessori Middleschool!

We have begun our third year, and we're happy to share that we are thriving in significant ways! Our group has grown to 18 students (nine 7th-years and nine 8th-years), and we have a third full-time teacher added to our MMM staff: Andrea Soule-Swanson who has significant experience with middle schoolers and expertise in Reading, Writing, Spanish, and Service work. In June, our first group of graduates moved on to high schools, each having been accepted to their first-choice of schools (3 to Central Catholic, 1 to Beaverton Arts and Sciences Academy, 1 to La Salle, 1 to Metropolitan Learning Center).

As usual, we began this school year with an Odyssey Trip around our state - the perfect way to learn about one another, define our collaborative community, and exercise practical skills. Understanding our connection to nature is a constant theme in our community. Immersion experiences like this (and like the week the group spent in the Tetons last June) are grounding experiences. This year's ten-day Odyssey included working on a farm for four days, camping by Ashland, attending a skills workshop and play at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and then camping and swimming at Crater Lake for our finale.

The first Occupations projects have begun, in the areas of gardening and forestry. If you attend our fall **Open House Thursday, Nov. 17th, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.** the students and staff will be able to share what they accomplished in those fields. The first Creative Expression, Reading/Writing Workshop, Algebra, Spanish and Global Connections work is in process, and the first PE lessons are finding the students kayaking out of Scappoose Bay. We look forward to sharing more details of our work at the Open House.



from campsite to Shakespeare Festival

Shadow days for prospective students will begin in November. Parents are welcome to tour and observe during the school day as well. You can get details about this by clicking on the Metro Montessori link at the front of our web site, www.childpeace.org

We are proud of our unique approach to education, which is a preparation for life as much as a preparation for high school. We hope you'll explore what we have to offer!



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