Curriculum Support Workshop through the Fall Semester - Cosmic Education

Theory

The Montessori Approach

- Self-Construction
- Planes of Development
 - Planes of Development and the neuroscience
- Cosmic Educations
- Story Telling

Geography/Geology

The Universe: Its Matter and Its Laws

- *Cosmic Tale*: The formation of the Universe
 - Matter attracts matter
- Story: A Periodic Kingdom Tale
- Story: Nucleosynthesis of a Star
 - The Model of an Atom
- *Cosmic Tale*: The formation of the Earth

• How Matter Obeys

- o Temperature Affects the State of Matter
- o Solids
 - Model of a Solid
 - Properties of a Solid
 - Solids Push Down Only

o Liquids

- Model of a Liquid
- Properties of a Liquid
- Liquids Take the Shape of Their Container
- Liquids Push Sideways and Down

o Gases

- Model of a Gas
- Properties of a Gas
- Gases Move in All Directions to Take Up the Available Space
- Gases Can Push Upwards

• Composition of the Earth

• Layers of the Earth

• Composition of the Earth, Further Details

- Plate Tectonics
- Isostatic Balance
- Effects of Plate Tectonics
 - Rock formation
 - Volcanos
 - Earthquakes
 - Geysers

• Further States of Matter

- Temperature Affects the States of Matter
- Liquids Fluid/Viscous
- o Liquids Temperature Affects Viscosity
- o Liquids Settle According to Their Weight
- Solids Rigid/Elastic/Plastic

 With Movement, Different Materials Arrange Themselves According to Their Weight

• Different Ways of Combining

- o Combining
 - Mixture
 - Suspension
 - Solution
- Chemical Change
 - Color Change
 - Gas Evolves
 - Precipitation Occurs
 - Temperature Change
 - Light Emitted
- Separating
 - Separating a Mixture
 - Separating a Suspension
 - Separating a Solution
 - Separating a Compound
- Saturation and Crystallization
 - Saturated Solution
 - Supersaturated Solution
 - Crystallization

The Sun and the Earth

- Our Solar System (including idea of revolution and rotation)
- Effects of Earth's Rotation
 - Parts of the Day
 - Time
 - Time-Zones

• Effects of Earth's Revolution

- Solstices, Equinoxes, and the Seasons
- o Climate-Zones

• Effects of Earth's Revolution and Earth's Rotation

- Angle of Incidence of the Solar Rays
- Daytime Temperature in the course of a year

The Work of Air

- How the Air obeys
 - Different Experiments
- The Winds
 - Global Winds

• Interaction of Heated Land/Water and Wind

- Sea/Land Breeze
- Work Chart for the Winds
- Rain
 - Seasonal Rain
 - Local Conditions for Rain
- Ocean Currents
 - Air Can Make the Water Surface Move
 - Land Causes the Currents to Turn
- Wind Erosion

Work of Water

- The River Model
 - $\circ~$ Parts of the River
 - \circ Sedimentation
 - Main Rivers of the Earth

• Erosion

- By Rivers
- o By Rain
- o By Waves
- o By Ice

• The Water Cycle

- Charts of the Water Cycle
- River Model
 - How and where to build a river model

Mineralogy

- Story: The Earth's Restaurant
- Examination of Rocks
 - Examining the Content of Carbon in Rocks
 - Examining the Content of Iron in Rocks

Life on the Earth

- Vegetation in Different Zones
- People in Different Zones
- Interdependencies of Human Beings in Society
 - Where Do We Get Our Food From?
 - \circ $\,$ What does the ... Need?
 - The Flow of Goods
 - \circ The Collection Bowl

• Economic Geography

- What is Produced and Where?
- How Much is Produced?
- How Much Do We Consume?
- o Comparison of Consumption and Production

Biology

The Coming of Life

- Cosmic Tale: The Coming of Life
- Timeline of Life

Botany

- Story: The Story of the Plants
- Nature Walk
- The Plant and Its Vegetative Parts
 - \circ Parts of a Plant
 - o Needs of a Plant
 - \circ The Leaf
 - \circ The Root
 - \circ The Stem
- The Plant and Its Reproductive Parts
 - \circ The Flower
 - $\circ \quad \text{The Fruit} \quad$
 - $\circ \quad \text{The Seed} \quad$
- The Plant Cell
- Plant Classification

Zoology

- The Body Functions of Vertebrates
- The Animal Cell
- Animal Classification

The Human Body

- *Story*: The Great River
- Human Body Systems
- Microbes and Immune System

Ecology

Chart of Interdependencies

<u>History</u>

Pre-history

- The Black Strip
- The Clock of Eras

History

- The Coming of Human Beings
 - *Cosmic Tale*: The Coming of Human Beings
 - o The Timeline of Human Beings
 - The Hand Timeline

• The Phases of History

- o Nomadic Phase
- Agricultural Phase
- o Urban Phase
- Civilizations
 - River Civilizations (Sumer, Egypt, Nubia, Indus Valley, Hwang-Ho)
 - o American Civilizations (Meso-American, Aztec, South American, Incan)

- Classical Civilizations (Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome)
- Middle Ages (Medieval Life)
- The Movements of People

The Exercises for Time

- The Year
- The Calendar
 - Months of the Year
 - Origin of the Names of the Months of the Year
 - Days of the Week
 - Origin of the Names of the Days of the Week
 - $\circ \quad \text{Clock Time} \\$
 - Telling Time to the Hour
 - \circ $\,$ Timeline of my Day $\,$

Culture

- *Story*: The History of Spoken Language
- Cosmic Tale: The Story of Our Alphabet
- Cosmic Tale: The Story of Our Numerals
- *Story*: The Story of How Geometry Got its Name
- *Story*: The Story of the Multitude
- Story: The Story of the Grand Staff

Keys for Exploration

- The Fundamental Needs
- The History Question Charts
- Making a Time Line