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**TITLE: Smooth Transitions**

**BODY:** Teachers at Crystal Lake Montessori School spent last week helping students who will be moving into a new level of the school this month make a smooth transition. Children new to the Early Childhood (ages 3-6), Lower Elementary (ages 6-9), and Upper Elementary (ages 9-12) programs participated in Transition Week, an opportunity for these students to get to know their new teachers, classmates, and classrooms before the rest of the students return to school later this month. All of the students spent their days engaged in a hands-on introduction to their child-centered classrooms and outdoor learning environments. One class visited Veteran Acres in Crystal Lake, while others invited parents to lunch for a student-led orientation. The teachers, parents, and students agree that this was an enjoyable way to begin the new year.



Now entering its 29th year, Crystal Lake Montessori School, located on Country Club Road between Woodstock and Crystal Lake, was founded by Woodstock's Penny HildeBrandt Cichucki and offers Montessori programs for children birth through eighth grade. To learn more about Montessori education, visit [www.clms.org](http://www.clms.org) or contact Pamela C. Zirko, CLMS Co-Administrator, at 815-338-0013.

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