

**SMI EARLY CHILDHOOD
November 2011 Advanced Seminar**

Friday, November 11, 2011 AM	Observation on your own, work on assignments, or schedule yourself for an Advanced Montessori Observation	
12:30 PM	<i>Arrive at SETON MONTESSORI</i> Welcome & Analysis of Observations of children during practicum (bring your sandwich, along with your observations. Soup and desert will be provided)	Beth Norman
2:00 – 5:00	Advanced Math	Karen Riggenschach
Saturday, November 12, 2011	<i>AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY</i>	
9:00 – 12:00	Looking for Eden in a Vacant Lot: Children and Nature	Geoffrey Bishop
Mid Day	Group and Personal Work	SMI Faculty
1:00 – 4:00	The Kindergarten Year and the Transition to the Second Plane of Development	Rosemary Quaranta
4:00 – 5:00	History (Early Childhood)	Julie Eskenazi
Sunday, November 13, 2011	<i>AT SETON MONTESSORI</i>	
9:00 – 12:00	Introducing Young Children to the Natural & Physical Sciences	Meg Fedorowicz
12:00 – 1:30	Work with Materials	SMI Faculty
1:30 – 4:30	Introducing Young Children to the Natural & Physical Sciences, cont.	Meg Fedorowicz
4:30 – 5:00	Individual and Group Work	SMI Faculty
Monday, November 14, 2011	<i>AT SETON MONTESSORI</i>	
9:00 – 12:00	Creative Work: Art	Rosemary Quaranta
12:00 – 1:30	Group and Personal Work	SMI Faculty
1:30 – 4:30	Creative Work: Art	Rosemary Quaranta

November Seminar Notes

- Planning ahead can maximize your benefits from the seminar as well as helping you to make practical arrangements that will allow you to focus and enjoy your experience. Please review the seminar schedule carefully, and contact us by email if you need assistance as you prepare:
 - eva@setonmontessori.org for Eva
 - julieesken@ameritech.net for Julie
 - bethanorman@gmail.com for Beth
 - maryann@setonmontessori.org for Mary-Ann
- When you arrive for Friday of the seminar, please plan to on 59th Street, as in the past. A map and directions are included to assist you.
- Saturday of the seminar will take place at Concordia University. This year's special presentation, offered to the public for continuing professional development, is **Looking for Eden in a Vacant Lot: Children and Nature** with Geoffrey Bishop. It is being presented in conjunction with the American Montessori Society. Your supervising teacher or mentor will be receiving a personal invitation to attend, free of charge. Please encourage her to join you at Concordia, and to plan to meet with other supervising teachers over lunch, hosted by our practicum coordinators. We're planning to hold an Open House and Information Session that day at Concordia for individuals who are considering registration in one of our teacher education courses. We hope that you will invite friends and colleagues to attend this seminar, and that you will make it a practice of attending this seminar day in years to come as part of your ongoing professional development.
- We ask that you submit your practicum time sheets and completed assignment work, *on Friday, at Seton*, for checking during the seminar. The Assignment Basket will not be at Concordia on Saturday. Submitting work on Friday at Seton will enable us to review it and return it to you before the conclusion of the seminar.
- We're looking forward to seeing you soon!