

### **Highlights of the Week**

This week we explored how we move from one place to another - on land, water, air. By land maybe we'd travel on a trolley or scooter; in air, perhaps a hot air balloon, or blimp; on water - a canoe or submarine. The children enjoyed sorting replicas and using other works enhancing their understanding of transportation.

In science parts of the leaf were presented. The children used a puzzle sensorially which identifies the parts of a leaf. The parts are: apex, main vein, veins, blade and stem.

Two fun activities for strengthening fine motor skills were introduced in practical life. The first was pin cushioning. Brightly colored straight pins were simply put into a pin cushion and removed. The second was hammering golf tees. Actual golf tees were hammered into clay using a mallet. It takes a bit of skill landing the mallet on top of the golf tee to make an indentation in the clay.— An excellent refinement tool!

Discussing air, for some children, is not an easy concept. This week they were able to experiment on their own, manipulating air. One was by using an air pump to inflate a balloon and the other was using a straw to move pom poms. Fun, fun and more fun!

#### **Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:**



*"And so we discovered that education is not something which the teacher does, but that it is a natural process which develops spontaneously in the human being."*

#### **Reminders:**

- Halloween (No PM Kids Club) October 31st
- First Marking Period November 10th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences \*(**No School**, child care provided for FD/EXD students only) November 17th

#### **Home/School Connection**

*Now that we have more seasonal like weather, we've begun reciting the following poem for the season:*

*Come little leaves said the wind  
one day, come over the meadow  
with me to play.*

*Put on your dresses of red and  
gold,*

*For summer has gone and the days  
grow cold!*