

Highlights of the Week

We started the week discussing the countries of North America. The countries are: Greenland, Alaska, Canada, United States of America, Caribbean Islands. We also briefly discussed our **country** is the United States of America. (We will study our country more next week .)

We talked about some animals of North America and learned fun and interesting facts about them. The **bald eagle** is a symbol of the United States, it has a white head and yellow crooked beak; **beaver**, a symbol of Canada has poor eyesight, is an excellent swimmer; **raccoon** - appears to have a mask over its face, is nocturnal and a solitary animal; **bison** (also known as buffalo) is the largest North American mammal, baby bison are called red dogs, are fast runners, and herbivores; **moose** (also known as elk) are the largest deer, the flap of skin that extends from its throat is called a "bell" can run up to 35 miles per hour!

What do some animals do during winter? The children learned some animals sleep all winter (**hibernate**), travel to warmer places (**migrate**) and those that don't hibernate or migrate **adapt** to their environments.

The children were introduced to their first landform - island. It is described as a piece of land completely surrounded by water. They were shown how to color water (using food coloring) then pour onto a "landform" to visualize an island.

In practical life this week using a mortar and pestle with egg shells was introduced.

On Friday, we discussed Veteran's Day and its meaning! **Thank You Veterans!**

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



*"Only practical work and experience lead
the child to maturity."*

Reminders:

- First Marking Period ends November 10th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences *(**No School**, child care provided for FD/EXD students only) November 17th
- Thanking giving break November 23-24th (**No School**)

Home/School Connection

*Please be reminded of the upcoming
PT conferences on next Fri, Nov. 17.*

*Progress reports will be sent home on
Wednesday, Nov. 15 which allows time
for you time to review and in turn gather
questions/concerns to present during
the conferences.*

*Also, please be mindful of the time allocated
for each conference - 15
minutes.*

