

Scribbles this week also includes last week's highlights!

We began this short week discussing Pilgrims, Native Americans and the first Thanksgiving. Hopefully the children have an understanding of why we celebrate Thanksgiving today.

Last week in geography we began our study of the United States of America - our **country**. The puzzle map of all the states was shown, however, for now, our focus will be the midwestern region. The midwestern states are: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and of course our **state** - Michigan.

We discussed the US flag. The children noted the colors - red, white and blue, the 50 stars for each state and the 13 red and white stripes. Famous landmarks were presented as well, e.g., Grand Canyon, Golden Gate Bridge, Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore, White House, Washington Monument.

As the US map was presented, it was pointed out that our state has 2 parts. Michigan has an **upper peninsula and a lower peninsula**. It was explained that a peninsula is a piece of land with water around it on **3** sides. We also have a peninsula landform that the children experimented with hopefully to better understand the terminology.

Our great state also has 5 great lakes. This fact prompted further conversation about another landform - lake. A lake is a body of water completely surrounded by land. The names of those lakes are: Superior (which is the largest), Michigan, Huron, Erie, Ontario.

The children should now be able to find their place on a map!! They can identify their continent, country, and now state!

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment."

Reminders:

- Thanking giving break November 23rd -24th (**No School**)
- Cookies Around the World December 1st (**NO PM KIDS CLUB**) **school ends promptly at 3:15pm.**
- Winter Recess December 22nd -January 2nd
- School Resumes January 3rd

Home/School Connection

On November 1st, we planted 4 pumpkin seeds taken from our class pumpkin. On this past Monday morning, Saige and Nicolas were the first to share that we had 2 sprouts. This activity caused so much excitement as everyone had to observe! On Wednesday 1 more sprouted. We're still waiting for the 4th.



On November 13th, **Aaron Yoo** turned 4 and took his celebratory "Walks Around the Sun". Happy 4th Year of Life, Aaron! **Arjun Jaganath** turned 4 on November 21st and also took 4 "Walks Around the Sun". Happy 4th Year of Life, Arjun!

