

### Highlights of the Week

Using an egg beater was presented in practical life this week. Remember the soap grating work? Well, the grated soap from that work is used for egg beating. The children measure one cup of water into a bowl, then put one scoop of soap into the water then proceed to using the beater, creating bubbles, bubbles and more bubbles. As you can guess, this is a very popular work!

We discussed two new concepts in science this week: vertebrates and invertebrates. The children were told that **animals** are placed in those two categories. Some animals have a backbone (vertebrate) and others do not have a backbone (invertebrate). They were shown several “works” (objects and pictures) to help them differentiate the two. Two clues I gave were that insects are invertebrates and vertebrates have a “head”.

We also visited the western region of the United States. Those states are: Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

The final geometric solids were presented. They are triangular prism, ellipsoid, pyramid.

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



*“The child making use of all that he finds around him, shapes himself for the future.”*

#### Reminders:

- Cookies Around the World December 1<sup>st</sup> (**NO PM KIDS CLUB**) school ends promptly at 3:15pm
- Winter Recess December 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- School Resumes January 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Home/School Connection

We said “goodbye” to November and “hello” to December on Friday!

Below is our poem for the month of December:

I heard a bird sing  
 In the dark of December  
 A magical thing  
 And sweet to remember:  
 We are nearer to spring  
 Than we were in September  
 I heard a bird sing