

### Highlights of the Week

We began the week exploring a few animals of Antarctica. They were the chinstrap and emperor penguins, elephant and crabeater seals and orca whale. The children were given facts about each animal - e.g., the chinstrap penguin has a very distinct stripe under its chin; the male emperor penguin takes care of the egg while the mother hunts for months, she returns soon after the egg hatches, the chick is now the mother's responsibility and father now leaves to hunt; the elephant seal's nose resembles an elephant's trunk; the orca whale is also known as the killer whale and a very powerful predator.

We took a close look at penguins. The children discovered that penguins are birds that do not fly (we call them flightless birds). They have flippers in lieu of wings and are excellent swimmers. The children explored replicas of various penguins - emperor, gentoo, adelia, macaroni, king, chinstrap, to name a few.

Ronald McDonald paid SMA a visit on Tuesday. He was very entertaining as he presented the theme "Book Time"!

**Samantha John has turned 4 and celebrated on Tue. Happy 4th year of Life, Samantha!!**



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



*"The child is both a hope  
and  
a promise for mankind."*

#### Reminders:

- Winter Recess December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- School Resumes January 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Home/School Connection

This is the final Scribbles for 2017.

Blessings and Peace to each  
of You!

Happy  Holidays!  
and



ENJOY  
WINTER  
BREAK!