

Highlights of the Week

Welcome to the first edition of *Scribbles*. Here you will find a brief synopsis of activities/presentations that occurred during the week.

The following traditional Montessori materials were presented: pink tower (helps children differentiate biggest to smallest); red rods (show longest to shortest); knobbed and knobless cylinders (show gradation, size and dimensions). These materials are found in the sensorial area.

Also in sensorial, Color Box 1 was presented. This box introduced the children to the primary colors - red, blue and yellow.

In math this week the red and blue rods were presented. These rods are used to help the children with counting and associating 0-10 and reinforces the concept of longest to shortest (like the red rods). The children were also shown the spindle box. These compartmentalized boxes have the numbers 0-9 noted. The children are to count "spindles" and place them in the correct compartment (associating symbol with quantity).

Our practical life area is filled with pouring and spooning grains, rice and sand. We also have tonging fava beans and plastic melon balls.

We're looking forward to celebrating "International Dot Day" on Friday. It should be a fun day for all!

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



"Our care of the children should be governed not by the desire to "make them learn things" but by the endeavor always to keep burning within them the light which is called intelligence."

Reminders:

- Family Social September 15th, 4:00PM-5:30PM
- Curriculum Night September 22nd
- Blake Apple orchard field trip October 6th
- Whole School Portraits October 19th

Home/School Connection

A few children are still experiencing a bit of separation anxiety. Please make your goodbyes brief, and **outside** the classroom. Once your child enters the class and is received by a teacher, be off. Should you feel the need to look in on them through the window, do not let them see you and **please** fight the urge to come back into the class for "one last hug and kiss"!

Your child should bring his/her folder to school daily. Why not make it their responsibility? Help them to be more responsible.

Please empty folders daily.