

### Highlights of the Week

You can feel the magic in the air this time of year. Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year and **with that** being said, make sure that you take a break and breath, take some time for yourself and make fun holiday memories with loved ones. I can't wait to hear from each student all about how they spent their holiday break and what traditions are shared in their homes.

This few weeks was filled with lots of new things being introduced and represented. In the **Sensorial area** we presented various geometric shapes along with pictures that the students can make a picture. Craft sticks were added to build their own shape.

In the **practical life** area Pencil sharpening was represented along with putting on gloves.

In the **art area** ink pads and stamps are available to make greeting cards and books. The children really enjoy creating cards for friends and family. We also presented making a paper chain pattern. Some of the students tried to make a chain the full length of their body. We are connecting all of the links to see how many we can make as whole class. We have talked about the proper care of our library and books. In the **math area** I created a game called "The Jewel Keeper" it teaches the addition and subtraction symbols and the children enjoy playing it because it is a game at the same time they are learning.

In the **Language area** I created a game called "Kaboom" It introduces all the alphabet sounds again it is a fun game that the students enjoy playing and learning at the same time.

We have added a handwriting shelf in our classroom. It is filled with writing material and seasonal/holiday words for writing. The pancake /Pajama day was a hit and the kids enjoyed the movie also. Thank you Mrs. Subash for all of your help and for making all the pancakes.

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



*"The child, in fact, once he feels sure of himself,  
Will no longer seek the approval of authority after  
Every step."*

#### Reminders:

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

#### Home/School Connection

It is very important that your child is prepared daily for outside play. (Winter coat, snow pants, boots and hat). Please send in a recyclable bag to keep your child's snow items in. We may go outside if the temperature is 20 degrees and above. Please remember to send in slippers without characters on them. All items need to be labeled with your child's name. Over the holiday break it is a good time to have your child practice putting on and taking off snow pants by themselves.