

Highlights of the Week

This week we have started to talk about Fall. We were observing the nature around us and we noticed that there are a lot of leaves on the ground now, leaves of many colors: green, yellow, brown, red. We also noticed that when we go play outside the temperature feels a little bit colder and that we need to wear our jackets.

New "Fall themed" material in the sensorial bins will keep the children engaged for the rest of the month: pumpkin seeds, decorative pumpkins, leaves of different shapes and colors, cups that they can use to scoop and to transfer the seeds.

Sensorial area: A new Montessori work has been introduced every day. On the sensorial shelf were two similar works: cubes on vertical peg and wheels on vertical peg. With these works the children learn how to insert objects on a peg and by doing that they experience the feeling of the different shapes in their hands.

Practical life Skill: In practical life the children are learning how to open and close lids on small bottles and how to keep our classroom clean using a duster.

Math: In math I have presented the numbers 6 to 10 on the sandpaper cards; everyday we count the days of the month on our calendar and we sing songs that involve counting.

Language: The letter sound of the week is T and we keep reviewing M and S on a regular basis.

Maple room is going green! In the classroom there is now a small bucket with a recycling sign on it that we use for recycling paper. We would like to teach the children that things are made of different materials and that, if we want to protect our planet, we should separate the different materials when we dispose of them.

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

"Joy, feeling one's own value, being appreciated and loved by others, feeling useful and capable of production are all factors of enormous value for the human soul."

Reminder:

- Whole School Portraits October 19th
- Halloween (No PM Kids Club) October 31st
- First Marking Period November 10th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences *(No School, child care provided for FD/EXD students only) November 17th

Home/School Connection

The potty training challenge! Your child might be ready for potty training if you notice some of the following signs:

- Your child stays dry at least 2 hours at a time during day time or wakes up dry after nap.
- Bowl movements become regular and predictable.
- Your child can follow simple directions.
- Your child is ready to sit down.
- Your child can imitate your behavior .
- Your child asks to use the toilet or asks to wear "grown-up underwear"
- Your child seems uncomfortable with soiled diaper and asks to be changed.
- Your child is able to pull clothes up or down.