

### Highlights of the Week

What a wonderful weather this week for exploring the nature around us!

We have spent a lot of time outside picking up leaves during nature walks, playing in the mud, raking leaves in our playground. The toddlers are also learning how to put on their jackets by themselves with a special trick; so, if you see your child putting his/her jacket on the floor and trying to put it on, he/she is just repeating what we are doing at school. If you would like to know more about the trick please, ask to any teacher in the classroom and she will be happy to show it to you.

**Sensorial area:** The new Montessori work of the week is the brown stairs that develops the child's visual discrimination of dimensions.

**Practical life skills:** In order to get ready for the Holidays the children are polishing a pumpkin with water and a tooth brush, and are also practicing to clean up the spills on the tray. Another work is slicing wooden fruit with a wooden knife

**Art:** The toddlers are strengthening their hands muscles with crayon rubbing and they are mastering the dot-a-dot work.

**Language:** The letter sound of the week is A.

Have a wonderful weekend!

#### Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

*"We do not create observers by saying 'observe' but by giving them the power and the means for this observation and these means are procured through education of the senses."* M. Montessori

#### Reminder:

- 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! What to do if you have noticed any of the readiness signs:

- Ask your child to use the toilet every time you change his/her diaper.
- Say "It is time to go potty!" instead of "Would you like to go potty?"
- Take toys, books, sing a song together. It might take some minutes...
- Do not rush your child.
- If anything happens, it is OK. Try again after 20/30 minutes.
- Celebrate the success! Continue to encourage your child.

Be patient. Be consistent.