

### Highlights of the Week

Dear Maple Families,

This week we talked about fire safety and community helpers. Our conversation started from the discussion of the fire drill experience that we had last week. The children are aware that when we hear the alarm going on we must line up at the door and go outside. And yes, NO screaming! This week we went a little deeper, we added that in case of fire we should call the firemen and, if we are doing something we should stop, drop on the floor and roll to the nearest door. We practiced that in the class and they liked it a lot!

Firemen are not the only ones helping us when we are in need. There are doctors, teachers, mailmen, policemen, nurses and many more. We have a work for this that became immediately a very popular one: we have a big board of felt and many figures of community helpers that the children can line up, name and make up stories with.

A new practical life work has been introduced this week: dry pouring. The children are asked to pour some pasta from one cup to another without spills. It is a great exercise for hand eye coordination!

On the sensorial shelf the children can now work with nesting cubes: they can nest them one into another, they can stuck them up and build a tall tower or simply lining them up from the biggest to the smallest.

The letter of the week is M and we are still reviewing the sign language words Hi and Thanks.

In art the children are filling up dots with the dot-a-dot marker and they can now use chalks to color at the easel. They like this activity because it gives them a different feeling and perspective of their work.

Have a great weekend!

#### Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

*“We discover that education is not something which the teacher does, but that it is a natural process which develop spontaneously in the human being.” M. Montessori*

#### Home/School Connection

Feeding a toddler is sometimes challenging. At the store we find a lot of foods that are advertised as “children foods” but they are not really suitable for our little ones. Some of the foods in this short list are considered “choking hazards”:

- Hot dogs
- Nuts and seeds
- Chunk of meat or cheese
- Whole grapes
- Hard, gooey, or sticky candies
- Popcorn
- Chunks of peanut butter
- Row vegetables

If you can not avoid these foods, make sure you cut them in pieces not larger then one half –inch.

#### Reminder:

- Blake’s Apple orchard field trip October 6th
- 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