

### Highlights of the Week

What a beautiful weather this week for a lot of fun outside! We took nature walks to observe all the changes around us, we played with the leaves, we raked the leaves and we made big piles for the toddlers to jump in.

Inside the classroom we talked about HARVESTING. It is a new word for our children and a little difficult to say but we explained them that it just means “to pick up the fruits and the vegetables” that the plants have produced. So, we talked again about the life cycle of a plant that had been introduced at the beginning of the month, and we have read the book “Eating the alphabet” by Lois Ehlert where at least one fruit and one vegetable is named and illustrated for each letter of the alphabet.

New Montessori works introduced this week:

**Sensorial area:** matching smelling bottles (peppermint and lemon scents).

**Language area:** letter sound F.

**Practical life:** matching socks and clothes pin to rim.

**Math:** counting 1 to 30!

**Sign language:** the sign for the word MORE.

Few housekeeping notes: At Schoolhouse Montessori we are now using indoor shoes. Please, if you have not done it yet, bring to school an extra pair of comfortable shoes/slippers that your child can wear in the classroom. And, the due date for the Scholastic books orders is December 8th. The class code is **RQ4GM**.

Thanks!

#### Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

*“What the hand does, the mind remembers”* M. Montessori

#### Reminder:

- Cookies Around the World December 1<sup>st</sup>:  
**(NO PM KIDS CLUB) school ends promptly at 3:15pm**
- Winter Recess December 22<sup>nd</sup> -January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- School Resumes January 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Home/School Connection

Did you know that you could make play dough out of Jell-O? Follow this recipe:

1 Cup Flour

1/2 Cup Salt

1 Cup Water

1TBS Oil

1 tbs Cream of tartar

1 3-1/2 oz. Package Jell-O

Mix the ingredients in a pan over medium heat until you get a smooth consistency.

When cool, knead it with floured hands and allow it to dry. Store it in a Rubbermaid container up to 4 to 6 months.