

Highlights of the Week

A month full of celebrations has just begun! For the next few weeks in Maple room we will talk about “holidays around the world”. The first one to be introduced was Hanukkah: the children worked on a menorah made out of popsicle sticks and wooden candles; they practiced to spin the dreidel and they had listened to a good variety of books about this holiday. We also had a brief celebration when I brought to school the violin and I played some Jewish traditional songs: the children were clapping their hands and spinning around like real dreidels. They loved it!

Also, this month we will talk about winter and hibernation. This week we read some fiction books that tell stories of animals that do not like the cold winter temperatures so they go to sleep for many, many days. Some of these animals are tortoises and bears. In the next weeks we will go a little deeper into the topic.

New Montessori works introduced this week:

Sensorial area: matching buttons; matching textures/fabrics.

Language area: letter sound C; theme related words: Hanukkah, dreidel, menorah.

Practical life: buttoning dressing frame; mittens sorting.

Art: glue with cotton swabs.

This week we have celebrated Carmen’s birthday. She turned two on Tuesday and we wish her many happy returns of the day!

Thank you very much for your book orders! The classroom got some free new books that the children are already enjoying very much.

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

“Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep out of war.”

M. Montessori

Reminder:

- Pajamas & Pancake day December 15th. Please send in your child in her/his pajama on this day
- Winter Recess December 22nd -January 2nd
- School Resumes January 3rd

Home/School Connection

Hibernation facts:

- It can last a few days or up to a few months.
- When an animal is hibernating, their nervous central system will wake them up when it gets too cold so they can move around, shiver and get warm.
- A black bear gains up to 30 pounds a week while preparing for hibernation.
- Mama bear gives birth during hibernation.
- Bees hibernate, too.