

Highlights of the Week

Dear Maple families,

This week it has been all about apples in our room!

We started by observing the real fruit: what shape is it? What color is it? Is it smooth or rough? Is it heavy or light? Then we placed three apples of different colors in our sensorial bins along with some quick oat, cinnamon sticks, measuring spoons and small pans and...the children are preparing apple pies!!!

In science I have introduced a new work about the parts of an apple. Using felt shapes the children are learning how to “build” an apple using the different parts: the skin, the flesh, the seeds, the stem and the leaf. It would be a very good learning experience for the toddlers if you could repeat this work at home using a real fruit. You can cut the apple in front of them and ask them to name the parts that they know.

A new math work went on the shelves this week. Using apple shaped mats and cotton balls as seeds, the children are practicing the correspondence 1 to 5.

We continue our work on primary colors: last week, in art, the toddlers worked on filling in three circles with the three primary colors (red, yellow and blue); this week the toddlers are working on putting colored pom-poms in the matching bowl. They can use their fingers or a tweezer.

The children are doing great progresses at feeling comfortable in the classroom and getting to know their friends and teachers. They love to look at themselves and recognize their classmates in the pictures.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the summer weather!

Dr. Maria Montessori Words

“The greatest sign of success for a teacher...is to be able to say ‘The children are now working as if I did not exist’” M. Montessori

Home/School Connection

A-P-P-L-E

(on the tune of the song B-I-N-G-O)

There was a fruit and it was sweet and APPLE was its name-o. A-P-P-L-E, A-P-P-L-E, A-P-P-L-E- and APPLE was its name-o.

Repeat the song and turn over a letter each time you sing it, substituting “crunch” for the letter name.



Reminder:

- Curriculum Night September 22nd
- Blake’s Apple orchard field trip forms due date September 29th
- Blake’s Apple orchard field trip October 6th
- Whole School Portraits October 19th