

Highlights of the Week

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful break.

December was filled with lots of holiday fun and much learning about different holidays. It gives us lots of opportunity to talk about how we are alike, yet different. It also gives us opportunities to celebrate those differences by sharing holidays.

Last week our focus was more on ground rules like rolling –unrolling rug, walking on the line, how to interrupt politely and practical life, which help develop hand –eye coordination, concentration, taking care of an environment (cleaning after yourself if you spilled) and being independent.

This week our busy bees are visiting Asia, the largest continent of all. We are getting familiar with the animals and names of countries in Asia and their flags. Asia contains the world’s most populous country- China, and the world’s largest country –Russia.

We have also introduces the geometry cabinet. The direct aim of this work is the discrimination of form; to provide the child with the key to orient him/her in the world of shapes. Indirectly it prepares for mathematics: geometry and using the hands for writing.

In practical life children are using the strainer to separate beads from sand and water. The direct aim is how to use a strainer and indirectly develops eye-hand co-ordination and concentration.

Welcome Alyssa in Mulberry classroom.

Wishing all of you a wonderful, happy and healthy new year in 2018!

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



“When dealing with children there is a greater need for observation than of probing .”

Maria Montessori

Home/School Connection

Bridging the gap between home and school benefits your child, your family and the school community.

Families can also provide a supportive environment at home encouraging the principles found in our classrooms: Order, independence and self-motivation. You can look for and provide opportunities for children to help out: wipe and dust tables, fold towels, sort silverware, set the tables.

Give your child enough time and show your confidence in him/her to be able to complete task (without rushing in to help) Also don't expect perfect result, but recognize your child's effort instead.

Reminders:

- January 15th Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
- February 12th Curriculum night phase 2
- February 16th Family Ball at Troy Community center 6pm to 7:30pm
- February 19th &20th Mid-Winter Break NO SCHOOL