

### Highlights of the Week

Here we are in the last full working week of 2017, having fun with lots of snow and ending with Pajama day!!!!

This week we are headed to the most unique of all continents, Antarctica. It is a continent, a country and an island. But more interesting is that it is considered a desert, as it gets little to no rain. There are no trees and only people are scientist. The Sun shines 24 hours for six months, and it never sets. Penguins, seal, whales and birds such as the skuas and petrels are part of large variety of animals that are designed by nature to adapt for extreme temperature. Tiny shrimps like animals called Krill are vital part of the food chain in Antarctica. A large animal like whale depends on krill as a major food source.

In practical life friends are enjoying table-setting. Your little helpers are getting ready to surprise you with their expertise during this festive season. Setting a mat, napkin and a cup at the right place and adding a knife, spoon and a fork accordingly. Direct aim of this activity is to set the table independently and properly. Indirect aim of this activity is "order". Everything has order and a place. (Did you see their project?)

In geography children were introduce to landforms – Lake and island. Which are opposites of each other and it's perfectly matches with our study of Michigan for lakes and island for Antarctica.

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> walk around the Sun, Karthik!

#### Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



*"The development of personality or what is called his freedom cannot take place unless he/she becomes progressively independent of adult."*

Maria Montessori

#### Reminders:

- Winter Recess December 22<sup>nd</sup> -January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- School Resumes January 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Home/School Connection

Thank you to all the parents for sending activities and information with your child about the holidays that you are celebrating. We are doing it next week too, so if you are planning to do please send them.

***HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!!!!!!***