

### Highlights of the Week

This week was a big week in our classroom, culturally. We really delved into the difference between continents and countries. Revisiting this lofty idea will be continual throughout our school year. The materials in our classroom reflect our discussion which really assists children as they discover our world. For each continent we study, we use a “binder” which shows pictures of different countries, celebrations, special features, the landscape and animals of that continent. It is quite expansive and is likely the most popular activity in our classroom.

This week we continued our discussion of North America. The children have been enjoying our artifact collections of Mexico and Canada. They take great care when they handle very delicate or tiny items. They also enjoy learning about the flags of each country and are learning how to color them carefully. Learning about North American animals is a favorite too.

Our week ends with a discussion of our great country, the United States of America. For the U.S.A. We enjoy artifacts as well, but we’ll focus more on symbols. The statue of liberty, the liberty bell, the bald eagle, our flag and of course money will all be part of classroom activities. We’ll also explore some of the favorite places in the United States and talk about travel. This is the time where another map is added to our classroom. The map of the United States is a puzzle map, like the others we have. Now, though, the boys and girls can notice the shape and color of each individual state and perhaps, learn its name! Some states are easy like Michigan of course and Florida, but our United States “binder” shows pictures of places in each state. When our cultural lessons are thorough and broad, we find that they appeal to the oldest children as well as the youngest children in our classroom.



*“The role of education is to interest the child so profoundly in an external activity to which he will give all his potential.”*

-Maria Montessori

#### Reminders:

- Halloween (No PM Kids Club) October 31st
- First Marking Period November 10th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences \*(**No School**, child care provided for FD/EXD students only) November 17th
- Thanksgiving giving break November 23-24th (**No School**)

### Home/School connection

**Our conference list is filling up, The code is a little tricky! It is a capital X Z then number zero, not a letter O. Thank you parents for getting your conference appointment. Now would be a great time to jot down any questions you might have regarding your child’s progress, then we can make the most of our discussion at conference time.**

Conference entry code At [ptcfast.com](http://ptcfast.com)  
code : XZ01208521