

Highlights of the Week

Here we are starting another new month, which means the study of a new continent. So this time we are headed to the most unique of all the continents, Antarctica. So far our discussion is about the landscape and the fact that it is ninety percent ice. But more interesting is that Antarctica is considered a desert, as it gets little to no snowfall all year. We talk of how we know deserts as sandy places! The boys and girls know and are familiar with Antarctica as an island, as it is surrounded by water. As we go further into our discussion, we talk of the idea that this continent does not have countries, but territories, that are named by the countries that claim them. This is where the discussion leads to the people that are in Antarctica, the scientists and researchers who only visit for a short duration, then head back home to warmer climates. We also talked of pleasure cruises, for the people who dare take a vacation in this icy paradise.

Even though the boys and girls do not discuss much regarding culture for Antarctica, they more than make up for it by discussing the amazing animals that not only survive the extreme cold, but thrive in it. Penguins, seals, whales and even birds such as the skua are part of a large variety of animals who are designed by nature to adapt to the extreme temps. Teeny tiny shrimp like animals called krill are a vital part of the food chain in Antarctica. Though tiny, large animals like whales depend on krill as a major source of food. We primarily talk about penguins though, since they are so popular with children. The children learned that the emperor penguin is the largest, the macaroni penguin has a funny hairdo, the chinstrap has a stripe on its chin and the rock hopper, yes, hops on rocks! The boys and girls really have fun talking about all types of penguins. Stay tuned as we continue our study of this amazing continent!



“Children become like the things they love.”

-Maria Montessori

Home/School connection

Thank you Parents for following our new curbside routine. Your support really helps our curbside go smoothly. New name cards will be issued for families using curbside. Please display your child’s name so we can prepare your child accordingly.

Also, for full day students, see that adequate outdoor clothing is sent with your child including hats, scarves and gloves. Weather permitting, and if it is within the wind chill/temp limit, we will go outdoors.

Reminders:

- Cookies Around the World December 1st (**NO PM KIDS CLUB**) school ends promptly at **3:15pm**
- Winter Recess December 22nd -January 2nd
- School Resumes January 3rd