

### Highlights of the Week

We had a great second month of school! We're pleased to see how well the children are adapting to their class room environment. They remember their routine and are following the ground rules. We will continue to work on this as a group throughout the year! The willow room continues to be an active and busy classroom! Much of the focus these past few days have been on helping our toddlers develop consistent work habits, as they learn how to "choose" work, "use" the materials, and then "return" them when they are done. This requires concentration, a sense of order and lots of patience.

**Practical life:** In practical life area, toddlers are scooping pumpkin seeds. They also learned how to sort utensils. In care of environment they are learning how to rake leaves using a small rake. In self development children are introduced how to cover cough using elbow.

**Sensorial:** In sensorial, secondary colors have been introduced this week. We are also working on visual discrimination of sizes colors and shapes by many sorting and matching exercises. Children are also being introduced to nesting cubes work.

**Math and language:** In math children are counting seeds and pumpkins. In language we are discussing fall season. we are reading books about fall and Halloween. One of children's favorite book is "How do you know its fall" written by Lisa Herrington.

On Tuesday October 31 we will be celebrating Halloween in our school. Please do not dress your child with masks, pretend weapons and scary costumes. If you have any question or concern you can talk to me (Mrs. Rizvi) after school time.

#### Dr. Maria Montessori Words:



*"Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war".*

#### Reminder:

- 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
- Thanking giving break November 23-24th (No School)

#### Home/School Connection:

##### PUMPKIN SMOOTHIE RECIPE

Ingredients per serving:

- ½ banana
- ¼ cup vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt
- Pumpkin spice to taste
- 1 tablespoon canned pumpkin

Steps:

\*Use plastic knives to cut slices of banana and add to blender.  
Measure out ice cream and canned Pumpkin, add to blender. Add a sprinkle of Pumpkin Pie Spice to taste. Blend ingredients until mixed and foamy and enjoy!!