

Willow Room

Scribbles

November 10, 2017

Highlights of the Week

Turkey season is here! Themes for this month includes turkeys, Indians, pilgrims, Thanksgiving, and winter.

Art area: Our toddlers are busy painting feathers and cutting lines on paper with scissors, After painting feathers into different colors, our toddlers are gluing these feathers on a paper turkey to finish their thanks giving art project.

Sensorial: Children are being introduced to the smooth and rough work this week. I have introduced two extensions of this work. Most of our toddlers are choosing and repeating this work every day. We have been doing several matching works in our class room. I have noticed that because of this experience, the children are finding it much easier to complete puzzles which match picture to picture. I hear these little voices in the classroom saying, "That's a match!" and "I did it!" Matching is a simple activity you can do with your child. As you match the items, talk about what is alike. Use phrases such as, "These look the same," and point out what is alike about the items.

Language area: Children are working hard to think about the words that start with sounds b, c, m and a. We will keep working on finding words that start with those sounds in the up coming weeks as well. We are also singing rhyming songs in our class room. Toddlers are learning how to rhyme the words.

Math Area: Children are counting feathers. They are practicing number puzzles every day.

Practical life: Children are pounding golf tees. Silverware sorting work is also being introduced this week. These small exercises help children to improve their fine motor skills, concentration and hand eye hand coordination.

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:



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

Home/School Connection:

Let your children help with preparations for your Thanksgiving meal, and encourage them to make appropriate decorations. This gives you an opportunity to discuss the symbolism of many objects associated with Thanksgiving and to share family traditions with them as you prepare the feast together.

Reminder:

- First Marking Period ends 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**)