

Highlights of the Week

This week we began a study of vertebrates, specifically fish. We revisited what vertebrates are: animals that have a backbone and mentioned that there are 5 groups of vertebrates: amphibian, bird, fish, mammal and reptile.

We discussed that fish have certain attributes. E.g., they are, of course, vertebrates, breathe through gills, are cold blooded, found only in water, lay many eggs, a group of fish is called a “school”.

The children were also introduced to parts of a fish. They are: dorsal fin, pectoral fin, caudal fin, anal fin, head, body, lateral line.

As we continued our study of Asia, we introduced the children to China, (its shape on a map resembles a “rooster”). They have previously learned that China is the most populated country in the world. They now have become familiar with the flag of China. Following are a few facts discussed, the Great Wall of China stretches over 5,000 miles long and was manmade, Beijing is the capital city, China is the only place where you will find pandas in the wild, The Chinese New Year is the biggest holiday in China.

Dr. Maria Montessori's



“An interesting piece of work, freely chosen, which has the virtue of inducing concentration rather than fatigue, adds to the child's energies and mental capacities and leads him to self mastery”

Reminders:

- February 12th Curriculum night phase 2
- February 16th Family Ball at Troy Community center 6pm to 7:30pm
- February 19th & 20th Mid-Winter Break NO SCHOOL

Home/School Connection

On display in the Geography area, Mrs. Remos has some beautiful artifacts from her travels to China. If you get an opportunity, drop in and take a look!

As a reminder parents, (realizing most of you don't get to see me, particularly when picking up your child in the evenings) whenever you have ANY concerns or questions pertinent to their day to day activity within the class, please don't hesitate contacting me directly. Telephone the school or leave a note in your child's folder for a prompt reply!