

## Highlights of the Week

**Ni hao!** Did you know that pandas eat a special baked bread (called panda bread) filled with vitamins and minerals? Did you know they also eat apples and carrots, in addition to bamboo? As we continued our study of China this week, the children watched a fantastic video of Julia and Joanna's visit to Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Center in Chengdu, China. It was very entertaining and informative. The children also learned that there are about 1800 pandas living in the wild today. Some years ago, they were endangered but their status has recently changed. The children saw actual panda related crafts made from "dried panda poop"!

The children also practiced writing the numbers 1 to 10 in Chinese !

In sensorial two new boxes were introduced. The first was the **small** hexagon box. This box visually introduces the children to trapezoid, and reiterates rhombus and hexagon, previously shown in the large hexagon box.

The second box was the trinomial cube box. To be successful with this box, the children should have mastered the monomial and binomial cube boxes. This box has 27 cubes and prisms they manipulate to form one large cube.

Still repurposing the grated soap, the children are now using a larger whisk to make bigger/more bubbles!

### Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



*"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence".*

### 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



### **National Compliment**

**Day** was on Wednesday.

"You were so helpful yesterday!"

terday!"

Give your child compliments, and encourage them to compliment others.

