

### Highlights of the Week

The children are all starting to have “cabin fever” with days being either too wet or too cold outside for recess. They still have the chance for indoor recess with a choice of toys or musical movement. With January coming to an end hopefully the weather will allow for us to get outside and run off some energy.

**Practical life area:** We have added cinnamon stick grated to the shelf. The students are enjoying trying to grate a whole stick by themselves. They all said that they like the smell of it ( Lenox said “ it smells just like oatmeal”) Which lead us to our next food prep of making oatmeal this Friday. The children will each have an opportunity to help prepare the morning snack of Oatmeal, raisins, brown sugar, butter and of course we can’t forget the cinnamon that they all worked hard to grate!

**Sensorial area:** A small group presentation of the Trinomial Cube was given. The Trinomial cube is one of the materials that is continuity across the curriculum. A cube is composed of 27 red, black, yellow and blue. With this material, the child develops visual discrimination of color and shape and an intuition of the pattern. The wooden blocks fit together in a trinomial pattern, representing the cube of the numbers  $(a + b + c)^3$ . After carefully removing the blocks, the child then places it back while taking note of the pattern.

**Zoology area:** We have started our study of various types reptiles.

**Art area:** The students have been making pictures or push pins of turtles and adding in jelly fish for him.

#### Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



*“The teacher must have a kind of faith that  
the child will reveal himself  
through work.”*

#### 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 February 2, we will be celebrating the 100th day of school. We will be completing all sorts of fun math and literacy activities on this day. We are asking that you help your child prepare a 100 day collection. Please look for a letter and a bag with your child’s name attach to come home soon.**