

Highlights of the Week

While we continued to read and to discuss about the Solar System and all its planets, we focused a little bit more on our planet Earth.

At this time the children are learning that the Earth is made of water and land. They have been shown that, on maps, the water is represented with the color blue and the land with the color green. They can name animals that live in the water and animals that live on land with us.

This is an update on the works on the shelves:

Language area: the letters sounds that have been introduced so far are: a, m, t, f, p, r, c, s and the new one introduced this week b. The children are working on recognizing the lower case letters and on thinking of a name that begins with that sound.

Sensorial area: the knobles cylinder work introduced last week is still catching the children attention so they had been shown a different way to do it. Instead of building a tower they can line up the pieces from the tallest to the shortest.

Art: the children made a collage with blue and green paper to represent the Earth.

Science: the children love all the works about the planets, they like to read non-fiction books and to match the pictures on the books with the pictures on the cards or they just sing the planets song.

Practical life: lacing; locks and keys.

As many of you know I love music and I love to expose the children to different musical styles. If you have any CD of music from your own country or a CD of music of any particular culture please, share it with me. I will make a copy and we will listen to it in the classroom while we work or play. Thank you in advance!

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

“There is no description, no image in any book that is capable of replacing the sigh of real trees, and all of the life to be found around them in a real forest.” Maria Montessori

Reminder:

- 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

Fascinating facts about our Solar System:

- Jupiter suck up space garbage.
- There are five dwarf planets in our solar system.
- Venus is the hottest planet.
- One day on Mercury equals 58 Earth-day.
- Seasons on Uranus last for twenty years.
- The Solar System mass is 99% Sun.
- Saturn is not the only planet with rings: Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune have rings, too but they are difficult to see because of the distance.