

willow Room

Scribbles

January 19, 2018

Highlights of the Week

The month of January is going very smooth and busy in our room. This month we are reviewing our Montessori ground rules for our classroom. How to walk slowly, carrying and rolling rugs, how we talk nicely and use inside voices, handling materials respectfully etc. During circle time children are shown how to move quietly and carefully around the classroom, push in chairs, wait patiently before politely gaining someone's attention and are reminded how important it is to allow others to work undisturbed. These ground rules in the classroom give every child total security.

Ground rules are an important part of any environment, especially a Montessori environment that offers such freedom (of movement and choice) to the children. Ground rules help to maintain a safe environment that encourages and values self-control, and responsibility for self and others. We have a classroom "rule" which says walk Slowly. If you are going slowly, you have time to react to situations as they arise. Contrary to general assumptions, children don't have to run everywhere. That hurried energy is partly an imitation of our energy. We need to show our children a slower, more peaceful way to proceed. We have to model it daily. Talk to your child about the most important ground rule of "walking slowly" inside and outside the school building.

Children were busy doing the following activities this week:

Practical life: This week children were practicing matching socks and matching mitten work. **Sensorial:** Willow room students are connecting the different textures and colors. They are grading smallest to largest.

Math: we are counting 1to10. We also practiced sand paper numerals this week.

Language: Children are being introduced the new phonetic sound "S". Story reading is a part of our daily routine. We are reading books about winter and hibernation.

Have a wonderful week end!

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:



"It is true that we cannot make a genius. We can only give to teach child the chance to fulfill his potential possibilities".

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: APPLESAUCE GRAHAM CRACKERS

Graham Crackers

Applesauce

Cinnamon

Raisins

Wheat Germ

Mix cinnamon, wheat germ and raisins into the applesauce. Spread over the graham crackers. Use any type of fruit puree you wish!

Using low salt saltines, low-salt Ritz, pita bread slices, or plain rice cakes as your cracker base is just as good!!