

Highlights of the Week

Here we are in the second month of 2018. Don't ask me where January went. I surely don't know. It is so wonderful that we have a whole month to remind us about love. In our classroom we strive to work together on having a loving and peaceful environment. If someone needs help cleaning up or putting away a material they are allowed to ask a friend for assistance. Our class motto "**TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!**"

We have been studying various sea life. Learning about the parts of the fish and making a book. We listened to dolphins communicating to one another. Did you know that Seahorses are the only animal in which the male, not the female gives birth and cares for their young? Or that an octopus has three hearts and the color of its blood is blue.

We are working on memorizing numbers with the memory game (each child is given a piece of paper with a number on it numbers ranging from 0 to 10, and then asked to bring back a certain item in the correct amount). The purpose of this is to train a child's memory by asking him/her to retain a numerical symbol in his/her mind and to retrieve the correct amount without being distracted.

We talked about on Friday that we will be celebrating our 100th day of school. Charlotte said " Ms. Hutchinson I don't believe that we have been in school for 100 days." They are very excited because we will be doing different activities geared around the number 100. Beginning with our 100th day trail mix that each student will have to count out. We will also read about Groundhog's day and make our prediction if he will see his shadow or not.

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



'Let us wait , and be always ready to share in both the joys and difficulties which the child experiences...let us have endless patience with his slow progress, and show enthusiasm and gladness at his successes.'

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

Next week, we will start our Show and Tell. Often, students have something special that they would like to share with the class. Each week, 4 students will be chosen to bring that something special in on Friday. I will allow a few minutes for each student to tell what they brought in and show it to the class.

Please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- *If it is child's week a special note and bag will be sent home with them.
- *If you bring in a special toy to share, you are not allowed to play with it during the day, it "lives" in the bag.