

Maple Room

Scribbles

February 2, 2018

Highlights of the Week

Dear Maple families,

While we prepare for all the exciting things coming up this new month, this week I wanted to give the children more time to work and to enjoy the themes that have been presented in January: the arctic animals, the snow and the Solar System.

We talked again about hibernation as we learned about the Groundhog Day and had a lot of fun playing and experimenting with our puppet groundhog and his shadow.

The works presented this week are the followings:

Language area: Same sound basket. Through this work the children learn to identify objects whose names begin with the same sound. The letter sound is now b and the objects in the basket are: a banana, a ball, a block, a slice of bread.

Sensorial area: Blindfold work, this was definitely a hit! In a box made of very soft fleece there are some objects that the children have to recognize by the touch: an airplane, a car, a ladybug, a butterfly, a ball, a lion, an elephant. They can recognize the objects by feeling the different materials or by feeling the shapes.

Shadows matching game: the children work on matching a picture with its shadow. This week, of course, we used groundhogs pictures!

Science: Shadows experiment with a puppet groundhog and a flashing light.

Practical life: Strainer with objects in the water. This is the new work in the sensorial bins: in one bin filled with water there are some plastic ice cubes and some colorful rocks that the children learn how to pick up and transfer to the empty bin using a strainer.

The Scholastic flyers for the month of February are coming home today. The new order due date is February 16th and the class code is RQ4GM. Thanks in advance!

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

“The child is not an empty being who owes whatever he knows to us who have filled him up with it. No, the child is the builder of man. There is no man existing who has not been formed by the child he once was.” M. 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

I am a little groundhog in my hole,/on February second you will know./ If I see my shadow it will be/ six more weeks of winter for you and me.

Groundhog, groundhog what do you see?/ I see a shadow looking at me./ Groundhog, groundhog what do you see?/ Six weeks of winter ahead of me!

