

### Highlights of the Week

This week the children's favorite works were using a grater to grate soap, and bubbling making. They are using the soap shavings to whisk bubbles. The children enjoyed this activity so much, it is always being used. The children are waiting patiently and learning how to take turns

The Binomial and Trinomial cubes were presented to the class.

In the primary room, the Trinomial cube is used sensorial work. The child takes the cubes apart, feels the shape of each prism and learns how to correctly fit the prisms back into their wooden box. As a child ages and matures developmentally, they learn that this cube is the physical explanation of the algebraic number sentence  $(a + b + c)^3$ .

All children are learning phonetic sounds and many of them are beginning to form 3 letter words. It's a exciting milestone for the children when they realize they are beginning to read words, phrases, sentences and then are able to read books.

The Kindergarten students are advancing to the next set of sight words. They are learning about nouns and how to identify in a sentence. (Proper and Common) They are identifying action verbs and playing the verb game.

The children were proud of their Peace Keeper Presentations. Everyone read their research aloud and presented their project. The younger children are learning so many things from the Role models (all of our 5-6 year old) in our classroom and want to be kindergarteners too!

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

"Our care of the child should be governed, not by the desire to make him learn things, but by the endeavor always to keep burning within him that light which is called intelligence."

Maria Montessori

#### 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

The children practice being Peace Keepers by practicing the Montessori Ground Rules, using the Peace Rose and saying this Poem:

Peace

"I offer you peace.

I offer you love.

I offer you friendship.

I see your beauty.

I hear your cry.

I feel your feelings.

My wisdom flows from the spirit within.

I salute that Spirit in you.

Let us work together. For unity and peace."

— Mahatma Gandhi