

Highlights of the Month

Dear Schoolhouse Families,

February started poorly when Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter, but the month ended wonderfully after the children did a lot of great things in Kids Club! The Children have continued to work through stations such as Science, Arts and Crafts, Gym, and Theater. Along with continuing their after school specials.

Science- Ms. Poirier had great ideas for the children. One week, Ms. Poirier tested the children's hypotheses as to whether or not an object would float or sink. She tested Soap, Clementine's, a ball, and eggshell, and many others. Another Project allowed the kids room for independence, we explained how to use a microscope and the children observed on their own and gathered data such as, how many legs an insect has, etc. Science continued to intrigued the students as Ms. Poirier explained how to grow crystal candy, Talked about energy and chemical reactions.

Art- Mrs. Filipaj began the month with handprints of paint, shaped like hearts, a fantastic introduction to Valentine's day activities! The second week we made Caterpillars out of heart shapes, while practicing gluing we talked about what the children liked most about the holiday. Other watercolor work was done that truly amazed the students with how fun and easy the beautiful pictures were to make. These projects allowed them to express themselves freely, yet with structure. We hope you enjoyed these projects when they were brought home as much as we enjoyed seeing them here!

Theatre- Ms. Postek did theatre games! The exercises done helped build trust, practice concentration, work together as a team, and of course, think creatively! We broke into small groups and did counting games which tested the children's concentration, we helped partners walk blindly, allowing their friends to lead them through obstacles with their eyes closed. Also, in small groups the children made a human knot! The children all grabbed hands in the center of a circle and tried to detangle themselves!

Gym- Ms. Arbel had plenty of fun gym activities that challenged the children's motor skills and listening skills. We began the month with a huge yoga class! All of Kids Club joined as Ms. Arbel read aloud from yoga cards and allowed the children the opportunity to try these complex positions and we practiced breathing. Ms. Arbel Also brought in a parachute, which was fun for both the children and teachers! She also did many games with them.

Thank you for and we will do everything we can to keep all the students happy and safe.

Reminders: Please do not forget to take home your child's belongings in the hallway!

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

"We discovered that education is not something which the teacher does, but that it is a natural process which develops spontaneously in the human being".