

Highlights of the Week

We started this week discussing the Olympics. It was mentioned that the games only occur every 4 years and are held in different countries around the world. We discussed the various games of the winter games vs summer games. I also played the theme song of the Olympics which (in my opinion) expresses excitement and grandeur!

Last week we began our discussion of another group of vertebrates - amphibians. This week we focused on the most popular amphibian, the frog. The children have examined the parts of a frog which are: head, body, hindlegs, forelegs, webbed feet.

We do hope the children enjoyed our Valentine's Day celebration. They of course exchanged their cards, played a few games and enjoyed a very yummy treat - oreo pops! (At the request of several, see below for how we prepared them). The children also learned why we celebrate Valentines' Day.

We had a fantastic presentation of the Chinese New Year by a coalition of SMA Chinese parents (and their children) on Thursday. We were entertained by dancers and they shared some very fitting information about the special holiday and its traditions. They also gave each student their very own "lucky envelopes". Afterwards in class, we discussed what year each child was born (according to the Chinese zodiac) and characteristics of that year/animal. (Information was placed in their folders.)

We discussed Ruby Bridges, the first African American child to go to an all white school in the south.

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



"Peace is what every human being is craving for, and it can be brought about by humanity through the child."

Reminders:

- February 16th Family Ball at Troy Community center 6pm to 7:30pm
- February 19th & 20th Mid-Winter Break NO SCHOOL

Home/School Connection

Oreo pops

Ingredients: candy melts (we used white), oreo cookies, sprinkles, candy sticks

Melt candy melts in microwave

Separate cookies

Dip stick into melted melts then put on cookie and replace separated cookie. Let sit for a minute or so, later dip cookie into melts then sprinkle with sprinkles.

Very simple and simply delicious!