

Highlights of the Week

This week we began our month long study of Africa. Some of the facts discussed were: it is the second largest continent, there are 54 countries, has the longest river in the world - the Nile, has the largest land animal - elephant, the tallest animal - giraffe, the fastest animal - cheetah. Also Africa has the tallest and shortest people in the world, Watusi and Pygmies, respectively.

February is Black History Month. We discussed Carter G. Woodson, who is considered the “father” of Black History. Did you know that initially black history was only for 1 week, but now is celebrated the entire month of February, thanks to Mr. Woodson? We also discussed Garret A. Morgan, the inventor of the traffic light. The children were asked to imagine what it would be like going to and fro without encountering any traffic lights! Absolute C H A O S!

We also began our study of amphibians. Amphibians live in water when young and breathe through gills. As adults they live on land and breathe through lungs. We will discuss more characteristics of amphibians as we explore frogs next week.

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



The teacher's task is not to talk, but to prepare and arrange a series of activities for cultural activity in a special environment made for the child."

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

As of this writing, we're anticipating a “snow day. If we **do** have school on Friday, we will discuss the “Winter Olympics”, which begins on Friday.

