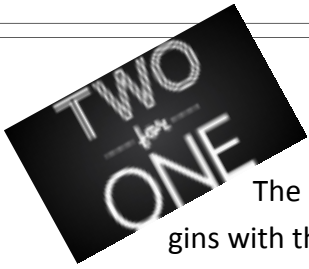


Highlights of the Week



This week's Scribbles is a combination of last week AND this week's highlights!

The children have discovered the life cycle of a frog. They learned that the cycle begins with the **egg**, they hatch and we have **tadpoles** (sometimes called polliwogs), the tadpole changes and grows and **hindlegs** appear. It continues to grow and change and **forelegs** appear; at this point we call it a **froglet**. The froglet changes and grows and becomes an **adult frog**. The cycle or "metamorphosis" begins all over again.

Continuing and culminating our study of Africa, we focused on the country of Ghana, in western Africa. We discussed (and have on display in the classroom) "kente" cloth which originated in Ghana by the Ashanti people. We also shared a fun Ashanti tale of Anansi the spider, that fell into trouble and was rescued by his six sons. Anansi found a great globe of light and gave it to the god Nyame to hold for him. Nyame in turn placed the globe of light in the sky. Ask your child what that great globe of light is - that is, according to the Ashanti people!

We talked briefly about President's Day and certain presidents' faces on coins as a prelude to introducing the children to penny polishing. To polish pennies they use lemon juice, salt and a cloth.

For Black History we discussed Selma Burke, an African American sculptor. It was explained that a sculptor makes things from clay. She made the sculpture of President Roosevelt which is on our dime today!

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



"Give the child the possibility of developing according to the laws of his nature, so that he can become strong and having become strong, can do even more than we dared hope for him."

Reminders:

- Second Marking period ends **March 2**
- Parent/teacher conferences **March 9 No Regular School** (Childcare for full day students only)
- Spring Break **March 30 through April 5 No Regular School** (Childcare available with extra cost)
- Professional Development for all staff **April 6 No School/No childcare**

Home/School Connection



Ezara Patharapanupath has turned 5 and celebrated on Friday, Feb. 23rd. Happy 5th Year of Life, Ezara!

Burhan Sojitrawala and **Alyssa** Fakhouri took their "Walks Around the Sun" on Feb. 26th. Happy 3rd Year of Life, Burhan AND Happy 4th Year of Life, Alyssa!

It was great to see you all during Montessori Week. Hope you were enlightened!

