

Highlights of the Week

Spring has arrived, and we're so excited! Although not so "spring like" right now here in Michigan, we discussed things to notice now that we're in a new season, e.g., animals that hibernate awaken and look for food; animals that migrate to warmer places are returning, people will begin to plant flowers, trees will begin to bud, animals are born, etc. Spring is all about NEW LIFE!

Continuing our study of Europe, this week we visited the country of France. The children learned that the capital of France is Paris. One of France's famous landmarks is the Eiffel Tower located there. We have two replicas in our classroom. We discussed that the language spoken in France is French. They were surprised to know that each day we say French words "bon appetite". Also we practiced saying bonjour (hello) and merci (thank you)! We talked about how the winner of the Tour de France (the most famous cycling race in the world) wears a yellow shirt signaling being the winner. We also looked at the flag of France which is blue, white and red.

The children watched the chemical reaction mixing baking soda and colored vinegar.

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



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"It is self-evident that the possession of and contact with real things brings, above all, a real quantity of knowledge."

Reminders:

- Spring Break **March 30 through April 6 No Regular School** (Childcare available with extra cost **April 2nd through April 5th**)
- Professional Development for all staff **April 6 No School/No childcare**
- School resumes **April 9th**

Home/School Connection

Here's our poem for Spring:

I love the spring

For every day there's something
new that's come to stay

Another bud

Another bird

Another blade the sun has stirred.

