

Maple Room

Scribbles

March 16, 2018

Highlights of the Week

While we continued to enjoy talking about dinosaurs, we expanded our learning to the whole family of REPTILES: snakes, turtles, alligators, crocodiles, iguanas. All of them are cold-blooded, they lay eggs, they breath air, their skin is covered in scales. Some slither, some swim, some run on hot sand.

We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day looking for the golden coins that the leprechaun left everywhere in our classroom...what a fun treasure hunt!

And these are the new works that went on the shelves:

Practical life: Pouring water. The children are learning to pour water from one cup to another without making any spills: a great exercise for their eye-hand coordination and their concentration!

Math: One-to-one correspondence using golden coins and golden pots in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Also, when counting on the calendar during circle time, I just point at the numbers and I let the children lead the counting at least until number 20. Day after day more voices are joining the chorus.

Sensorial: Dinosaurs puzzles of 2,4, 6 and 8 pieces.

Art: I have introduced the safe use of scissors. Most three years old are enjoying cutting the paper following the lines or just following their imagination. The art project this week was a rainbow colored with colored pencils and decorated with cotton balls.

Cooking project: Again in honor of St. Patrick's Day we made Irish soda muffins and guacamole (for the color green), all from scratch and with fresh ingredients!

Language: Matching letters with their cut out shape.

Letter sounds: i.

Sign Language: sit, stand.

The toddlers have welcomed a new friend this week. His name is Maddox and he is just 18 months olds; he is already making new friends and he is adjusting to the new routine.

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

"When you have solved the problem of controlling the attention of the child, you have solved the entire problem of its education" M. Montessori

Reminder:

- 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

The itsy bisty leprechaun, was hiding pots of gold/Down came a rainbow, colorful and bold/Out came his friends, and they all began to look.../for the perfect four-leaf clover hidden in this nook.

(On the tune of "The itsy bitsy spider")

Happy St. Patrick's day!

