

Highlights of the Week

Happy Maria Montessori Educational Week! It is a privilege to celebrate this innovative and brave woman who, among others, has changed the field of education and the perception of the childhood at the beginning of the '900.

The toddlers have celebrated by putting their hands to work in these ways:

Practical life: The children have been practicing the challenging tasks of folding a T-shirt and of rolling and unrolling hands towels. Both requires good eye hand coordination and a lot of patience, but how proud they will be when they can help you at home with the laundry!

Another work is pressing wet sponges with a garlic presser: an excellent work that strengthen their hand muscles.

Math: The concept of PATTERN has been introduced with two new work. In the first one the children line up figures bears of three different color on a control board. In the second one, more challenging, they line up cylinders following a pattern again of three colors.

Science: Magnets. Using a big magnet the children are observing that some objects stick to it, other do not. Definitely the most popular work of these two weeks!

Sensorial: Observing the classroom through lenses of different colors: red, blue, yellow.

Art: The children have used different techniques at the easel (crayons, colored pencils, paint, collage) to decorate the letters that build the word PEACE. The finished work is hung in the hallway.

Cooking project: fruit salad made with apples, bananas, grapes, oranges. While the teacher was slicing the fruits the children enjoyed touching and smelling the peels of all the fruits. Thy love it and they asked if we could do it again! We also made rice krispy treats with cereals and marshmallows.

Sing language: friend.

Letter sounds: L.

The past week Tegan and Kai turned three. Happy birthday and many happy returns of the day!

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

"He does with his hands, by experience, first in play and then through work. The hands are the instruments of men intelligence." M. Montessori

Reminder:

- 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**

Home/School Connection

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! As we celebrate today one of the best known author of the children literacy, we also begin the reading month. My goal is to have a different teacher from all the other classrooms to visit us and read us a book every day.

If your child has a favorite book at home that you think he/she would like us to read to him/her and to the other friends please, feel free to bring it to school maybe without letting him/her know...it will be a special surprise!