

Maple Room

Scribbles

March 23, 2018

### Highlights of the Week

Dear Maple families, this week we have introduced the study of FISH. Fish live in the water, they swim, they lay eggs and they come in many sizes and colors; some of them live in the very deep oceans and have a light on their heads, others can leap out of the water.

And...one fish lives now in our room! Yes, we have a new friend: it is a red Betta fish and his name is Spot. The children love to watch him swimming, they always want to feed him and sometimes they talk to him. I am sure that Spot will have a good time with us.

Other fish (not real) are in the sensorial bins; the children can catch them with a small net and transfer them from one bin to another. If they make spills on the floor, they can pick them up with a mop...two works in one!

These are the new works introduced this week:

**Practical life:** Rolling/unrolling hand towels. With this work the children learn how to fold and roll hand towels and arrange them nicely in a little basket. Sweeping with a big broom (child size): this practice is very useful and the children can use this skill every time they need to sweep the floor after a messy work!

**Sensorial:** Knobbles cylinders red box. This Montessori work follows the knobbles cylinders green box presented few weeks ago; once again the children have the chance to study the size of the cylinders and to build a tower from the biggest to the smallest. They can also line them up on the rug, but building the tower is definitely more exciting!

**Science:** Parts of fish. With this work made of felt the toddlers learn how to recognize the following parts of a fish: head, fins, scales.

**Art:** Coloring a fish using celery sticks and paint of different colors.

**Cooking project:** To welcome the new season, we prepared another colorful fruit salad that the children enjoyed very much! This time the children not only touched and smelled the fruits but they also helped to slice the bananas and the strawberries.

**Language:** review of the letters sounds introduced so far.

#### Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

*“The child, in fact, once he feels sure of himself will no longer seek the approval of authority after every step.”* Maria Montessori

#### Home/School Connection

For all your young dinosaurs lovers, check out this event at the Cobo center in downtown Detroit this weekend:

[www.discoverthedinosaurs.com](http://www.discoverthedinosaurs.com)

Hand-on and interactive activities, exhibits and entertainment designed for families to learn, play and spend a memorable time together!

#### 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**