

### **Highlights of the Week**

Happy Friday, Mulberry families!

Frogs, toads, salamanders, newts, and caecilians- what is a common factor in all of them? They are amphibians. Amphi means “both” and bios means ‘life’. Those names refer to the two lives that many amphibians live- one in water during their larval stage and the other on the land during their adult stage. Amphibians are vertebrate animals (have a backbone). They are cold blooded, which means their body temperature is regulated by their surrounding temperature. They are also characterized by their smooth, slimy skin and their lack of scales, feather or hair.

We have celebrated our valentine’s day by sharing cards and treat. Our friends enjoyed cream cheese – bread sandwich with grapes and vanilla waffles. They cut their own bread with a heart shape cookie cutter and applied cream cheese. (We used wheat bread- everyone enjoyed)

Children always enjoy something new, and they love scissors and paper. They love to create new art. This week they cut a folded heart shape paper, when it unfolded they were surprised to see the result.

Opposites are very important not just to education, but for life. Without them we would not know what soft was compared to hard and what cold was compared to hot. It is one of the basic concepts that our growing pre-primary are learning.

Our land forms for this week are also opposites, a Cape and a Bay. A cape is a pointed piece of land that sticks out into a sea, ocean, lake or river. And a bay is body of water that is partly enclosed by land.

Last but not least we had enjoyed celebration of Chinese New Year, thanks to Andrew, Yuen-Yi, Lucas, Ethan, Harriet and Amy’s family.

#### **Dr. Maria Montessori’s Words:**



“One test of correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child ”

Maria Montessori

#### **Home/School Connection**

In honor of Dr. Maria Montessori, you are invited for observation in the classroom to see how wonderful work she had created 100 years back. (February 26-March 2)

Due to time limitation and not disturbing the children’s work and focus, it is limited to 30 minutes and by appointment only. (Between 9 am to 11 am)

Two sign-up sheets -observation week and Parent-teacher conference are in your child’s folder. Please let me know if there is any confusion or conflict for time.

***Happy new year to all the families of Chinese origin.***

#### **Reminders:**

- February 16th Family Ball at Troy Community center 6pm to 7:30pm
- February 19th & 20th Mid-Winter Break NO SCHOOL