

### Highlights of the Week

*In Math and Language individual lessons continue at each child's own ability. We have a few more children learning phonograms which will help them as they discover new words We have a few children now working on basic multiplication skills!*

*For cultural studies we talked about Maria Montessori and how she observed children and made a lot of materials and how she started the first Montessori School over 100 years ago. The children were able to color a picture of Maria Montessori, We read the book "OUR PEACEFUL CLASSROOM" and played the Silence Game in honor of Montessori.*

*In Science, I introduced the reptile as another vertebrate and talked about how it is similar to other vertebrates we've studied and how it is different. The children are using the turtle puzzle to identify the parts of a reptile. They are also using coloring pages to learn correct vocabulary like carapace instead off shell .*

*There are four things that happen in a Montessori classroom that indicate a normalized room:*

1. Love of work
2. Concentration
3. Self-discipline
4. Sociability

*"After concentration will come perseverance . . . It marks the beginning of yet another stage in character formation . . . It is the ability to carry through what he has begun. The children in our schools choose their work freely, and show this power unmistakably. They practice it daily for years."*

—Maria Montessori

#### Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:

"It is true that we cannot make a genius.

We can only give to each child the chance to fulfill his potential."

-Maria Montessori

#### Reminders:

- 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 School/ No childcare**

#### Home/School Connection

Your children are young for a short time:

##### Eliminate morning rush

Keep morning chaos at bay by getting organized the night before. Lay out clothes, pack lunch sacks and

Set the alarm clock 15 minutes ahead. cook ahead.

Plan out and cook your week's meals on Sunday. Freeze them and pop them in the microwave or oven to warm each evening as needed.

**Have everyone pitch in.** Give each family member, including your 3-6 year old, jobs to do to help the household run smoothly.

##### Reserve Saturday morning

This is the day for extra cuddling time with your children because the week days are so busy.

##### Turn off the tube

Take all screens out of your child's room and turn off screens at least an hour before your child's bed time. Spend quality time together.

*-Maria Montessori*