

### Highlights of the Week

The willow room continues to add new works, many that help to develop our students fine motor skills along with keeping them interested in doing the works, which ultimately build concentration. One of the things we keep in mind when adding new works is to make them seasonal. Another way to ‘freshen’ up an existing work is to make a small change to it. That creates new interest in the work as the children explore the new elements.

Children were busy doing the following works this week:

**Language:** We have continued our work with sound lessons twice a week. Over the past couple of weeks we have been doing a lot more reading. The children enjoy listening new and old stories from our library. This week one of the children’s favorite book is Baby Bird. They love to listen the story of baby bird again and again how baby bird learned to fly.

**Science:** In science children are learning the difference between living and non living. we also reviewed our lesson about parts of a fish.

**Math:** In math area, children are counting Easter eggs. We practiced rote counting up to 20. Three basic geometric shapes ( cube, cone and cylinder ) also being reviewed.

**Sensorial:** Children practiced sorting eggs.

**Practical life:** Tonging and scooping eggs are the most popular work of this week. Children waited patiently to take their turn to practice these works from our practical life shelf.

**Art:** In art children are doing Dinosaurs stamping. They are also working on cutting dinosaurs shapes with playdough. They worked on coloring and glittering shamrocks.

Again, a gentle reminder, please do not forget to file your child’s nail weekly. It is very important for their health and safety. Thanks and have a great weekend!

#### Dr. Maria Montessori Words:



*“Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war”.*

#### Home/School Connection:

Physical activity for young children is an important component of early brain development and learning. When adults model and teach the importance of physical activity, young children are more likely to adopt a lifetime of healthful practices and behaviors. Recruit a partner for support and encouragement, take a daily walk. Push the baby in a stroller. Get the whole family involved, enjoy an afternoon bike ride with your children.



#### 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**