

Highlights of the Week

Dear Maple families, this week we have introduced the SEASONS. They are four, they come back every year and they last approximately three months each. Every season brings with it a different weather: Summer is very hot, Winter is very snowy. And when the weather changes we have to dress accordingly: we are now slowly saying good bye to all the winter gear in order to get ready for more rain and, hopefully soon, a lot of sun and warmer temperatures!

Following are the new works introduced this week:

Practical life: Spring dress-up. Through this work the children are practicing how to get all ready to play in the rain with raincoat, rain boots and a rain hat! Flowers arranging: the toddlers learn how to nicely arrange some plastic flowers in a vase and make our room very pretty.

Sensorial: Building three towers with blocks of three different shapes and different sizes. It is a long work that requires a lot of concentration so the children are allowed to complete the number of towers that they want.

Math: Counting at the calendar.

Science: Seasons matching work. The children have to match a picture with the correspondent season. For example: the snowman with the Winter, the ice-cream with the Summer, the pumpkin with the Fall.

Art: Using a flower shaped cut-out on a string of colored paper; using different techniques to decorate the branches of a tree according to the season.

Language: The names of the four seasons.

Sing language: Spring.

Cooking project: vegetable salad made of romaine lettuce, cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes, strawberries, apples, raisins. Very colorful and very delicious! Some children did not want to taste it, some tried it but they did not like it and others found out that they really like cucumbers and they did not even know it!

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

“Respect the child who makes a mistake and can then or later correct himself, but stop firmly and immediately any misuse of the environment and any action which endangers the child, his development or others”

Reminder:

- Tea with Mom **May 11th** at 8:45am to 9:30AM or 10:00AM to 10:45AM
- Detroit Zoo Field Trip **May 25th No regular school** on this day the whole school will be at the Zoo.
- Memorial Day **May 28th No School**
- May Day Mixer **May 29th**
- Music Program/Graduation **June 1st No PM Kids Club**

Home/School Connections

(to the tune of “This Old Man”)

Winter, Spring/Summer, Fall,
There are seasons/four in all.
Weather changes/sun and rain and snow.
Leaves fall down and flowers grow.
Winter, Spring/Summer, Fall,
There are seasons/four in all.
Look outside/and you will see
Just what season it will be!