

Highlights of the Week

Dear families, it is funny how we imagine colorful flowers and sunny skies when we think of Spring and how the Spring is pictured in our class calendar instead: a child holding an umbrella and protecting himself from the rain! How to explain that to the toddlers? April showers bring May flowers, of course! Also, we talked about the water cycle and about seeds and plants.

Following are the new works introduced this week:

Practical life: Dry spooning. Using a little wooden spoon the children transfer dry pasta from one bowl to another without spills. Putting lids on and off: with this work the toddlers practice a very important skill that will help them to be more independent at lunch time!

Sensorial: Matching same shapes of the same colors. Using wooden colored shapes and a control board, the children have to find the right match observing both the shape and the color.

Math: Matching magnetic numbers.

Science: We made the rain!!! Very exciting experiment both for the teachers and the children: we put some water in a Ziploc bag and we taped it to the window to wait for the sun to warm up the water and to produce some condensation. And it happened just the next day! We just had to touch a little bit the bag and many drops of water started to fall down along the bag. Just an easy way to introduce the toddlers to the concept of water cycle.

Art: The children started to work on a project that has to remain Top Secret for a couple of weeks...

Language: Water cycle words: evaporation, condensation, precipitation.

Letter sound: N.

Cooking project: We made delicious Dinner Rolls from scratch using just flour, yeast, egg, water and a little bit of sugar. The children loved to sift the flour, to mix the dough and to make balls with their little hands. They also enjoy to eat them for snack!

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

"There must be provision for the child to have contact with nature; to appreciate and understand the order, the harmony and the beauty in nature." M. Montessori

Reminder:

- Tea with Mom **May 10th** 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 Connection

Teach your child to take care of our planet with some of the following ideas:

- Put the litter in appropriate bags or cans;
- Turn off the light when you exit a room;
- Use the necessary amount of water when washing hands.

HAPPY EARTH DAY!