

Highlights of the Week

Montessori was observant about how children learn to count. Most toddlers can count (which is wonderful!), like memorizing a rhyme, but they don't always understand the value of the numbers. I have observed, in our classroom the pink tower is a great help to learn linear counting. The difference in cube sizes makes it possible for young children to see that each number gets bigger when they count the cubes from 1 to 10. Using the pink tower puts together the concept of counting and value in an easy.

This week our focus is primarily on the change from winter into spring. This week, when I was talking about spring, one child looked at me and said, "No, it is winter." Looking out the window, I had to agree, it didn't feel much like spring!

This week our toddlers were busy doing the following works.

Language: In language we reviewed our sound basket. We played "knock, knock" game to review our phonetic sounds. We read the book "I love colors" by Hans Wilhelm. By reading this book Children learned how many new colors are formed by mixing primary colors (red, yellow, and blue).

Math: Children practiced rote counting. They also reviewed geometric solids (cone, cube and rectangle). We did quantity and symbol math puzzles.

Sensorial: In sensorial, children identified the source of sounds. We introduced them some sounds of the musical instruments and they tried their best to recognize what instrument makes what sound.

Practical Life: Children practiced putting lids on and off work. In care of environment, children did flower arranging work with fresh flowers.

Art : We painted spring flowers with cardboard brushes. It was so much fun!

Dr. Maria Montessori Words:



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

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 Connection:

The Birdies Way up in the sky,
The big birdies fly;
Way down in their nests,
The little birdies rest.
With a wing on their left,
And a wing on their right,
The little birdies sleep
All through the night.

Shhhh. They're sleeping. Shhhh.
They're sleeping. When the bright sun comes up, And the dew falls away, "Good morning! Good morning!" The little birdies say. And we all wake up for a bright sunny day!