

### Highlights of the Week

Previously we have been discussing vertebrates (animals with backbones). This week we began learning about insects - arthropods (invertebrates). The children have learned that insects have 3 main parts - head, abdomen and thorax. Insects also have 6 legs, and 2 antennae, are cold blooded and hatch from eggs. We also pointed out that spiders are arachnids, they have 8 legs.

ACES - all children exercise simultaneously, was fun. Led out by our own Mrs. D'Souza, we warmed up our bodies, ran an obstacle course, jumped hurdles, threw bean bags into hoops - exercised!

The children have been so excited observing the changes of our class caterpillars. They have begun to spin their chrysalis. On Friday, I will place them into their temporary habitat should they hatch over the weekend. Next week we will discuss the life cycle of butterflies.

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



"The essence of independence is to be able to do something for one's self."

#### Reminders:

- 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

**"Thank You" is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme humility, understanding.**

**(quote by Alice Walker)**

**Thank You** for your outpouring of flowers, gifts, cards, chocolates, etc. during teacher appreciation week. Thanks for making us genuinely feel "appreciated"!

**It was wonderful seeing all the moms on Thursday for "Muffins with Mom" Thanks for setting aside the time to attend!**

*Happy Mother's Day!*