

### Highlights of the Week

The continent of Australia was introduced this week. The children were shown why Australia is also known as the “land down under”. It was mentioned that Australia is also a **country**, its capital is Canberra, it has six states. The states of Australia are: Western Australia, Northern Territory, South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria. We talked briefly about the original people of Australia, called aborigines. (We will discuss them more later. )

The word marsupial was explained as a few animals indigenous to Australia were introduced. Those animals were: lyrebird, kangaroo, platypus, koala, black swan. Marsupials are animals that carries its young in a pouch. The most popular marsupial being the kangaroo.

As we culminate our study of South America, we discussed the rainforest. The Amazon Rainforest, found mostly in Brazil, is the largest in the world. There are 4 layers: emergent, canopy, understory, and forest floor. Interestingly, there are animals that never leave their layer of the rainforest.

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



“Free the child’s potential and you will transform him into the world.”

#### Home/School Connection



Happy Belated Birthday Wishes to Sebastian Villasenor. He took 6 “Walks Around the Sun” on April 23rd. Happy 6th Year of Life, Sebastian!

#### Reminders:

- ACES May 9th
- Tea with Mom 8:45 or 10:00AM May 10th
- 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**