

### Highlights of the Week

Dear families, on Friday of the past week our chrysalises turned into butterflies! It was a moment of great excitement both for the children and for the teachers. We gave the butterflies some juicy fruit and we waited patiently until their wing were all dry and ready to fly. On Monday afternoon we opened the butterflies house and we set them free! Since then the children have been asking: "Where are the butterflies? Are they flying outside?"

After saying goodbye to the butterflies, we started the study of BIRDS: the children are learning that birds come in different sizes and colors, that they have feathers and a beak, that they lay eggs and that most of them can fly.

Following are the new works introduced this week, some of them related to the new theme:

**Science:** We read non-fiction books that taught the children facts about birds.

**Math:** Most children are showing a lot of interest into the 1 to 1 correspondence works (numbers 1 to 5) and some of them have mastered the concept. Way to go, toddlers!

**Sensorial:** Matching different kinds of birds by observing the shape, the color, the size.

**Cooking project:** Birds nests with shredded wheat. A very sweet recipe that the children loved to make and to eat as well.

**Art:** Again, the children are back to a top-secret work...

**Practical life:** Transferring feathers with a clothespin. It is a very challenging work for our toddlers because it requires strong fingers muscles and good hand-eye coordination but they like it and they are trying their best.

Birds feeders with empty paper rolls, glue and birds seeds. We put them on our trees and we waited for the birds to come!

**Sing language:** Bird.

#### Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

*"It is by developing the individual that he is prepared for that wonderful manifestation of the human intelligence, which drawing constitutes. The ability to see reality in form, in color, in proportion, to be master of the movements of one's own hand - that is what is necessary."*

#### Home/School Connection

Check this website for some family fun events in Oakland County and Southeast Michigan on the Memorial Day Weekend:

[www.oaklandcountymoms.com](http://www.oaklandcountymoms.com)

Enjoy, relax and be safe!



#### Reminder:

- Detroit Zoo Field Trip May 25th No regular school on this day the entire 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
- Third Marking period ends June 8th
- Family picnic at Boulan Park June 10th
- Donuts with dad June 11th
- Last Day of School June 13th half day