



Maple Room

Scribbles

May 4th, 2018

### Highlights of the Week

Dear families, this week we have started the exciting study of BUTTERFLIES through books, hands-on works and observation. This is one of the children's favorite topics: they love to observe and to notice all the changes the caterpillars go through, they anxiously wait for the butterflies to come out of the cocoon and they love to share what they see!

These are some of the books that we have been reading:

- "The very hungry caterpillar", by Eric Carle;
- "Ten little caterpillars", by Bill Martin Jr.;
- "Caterpillars and butterflies", by Stephanie Turnbull.

And following are the new works introduced this week:

**Practical life:** Screwing two wooden pieces together. This work strengthen the hands muscles, it enhances hand-eye coordination and it also teaches the children some patience!

**Science:** The caterpillars have arrived to our classroom! The children love to observe them every day as they eat and grow. I asked the children to make a prediction about what they think will happen to the caterpillars and some of them said: "They will turn into butterfly!", or : "They will make a cocoon!". Great guessing my young scientists!

To help the toddlers to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly, a new matching work come on hand: the children have to match the animal figure of the different stages of the life cycle to the right picture.

**Language:** Life cycle of a butterfly words: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly.

**Sign language:** Butterfly.

**Cooking project:** No real "cooking" this week but still a hands-on activity with food. We made butterflies out of apple slices and raisins: the teacher showed the children the model and they did their best to make their own butterfly on their plates. Of course, they could eat their butterflies at the end!

#### Dr. Maria Montessori Words:

*"Many people must have noticed the intense attention given by children to the conversation of grown-ups when they cannot possibly be understanding a word of what they hear. They are trying to get hold of words, and they often demonstrate this fact by repeating joyously some word which they have been able to grasp." M. Montessori*

#### Reminder:

- 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**

#### Home/School Connection

##### NO COOK SCENTED PLAY DOUGH

- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 cup salt
- 1 tablespoon cream of tartar
- 1/2 cup warm water
- Food coloring (5 to 10 drops)
- Essential oil for the lovely smell (1 drop)

Mix flour, salt and cream of tartar. Roll into a ball and make a well in the middle. Add the food coloring and the essential oil. Mix and roll until the color is well blended.