

Highlights of the Week

What an exciting month we've had exploring birds and flowers. Next, we will begin our study of the water cycle and insects. Spring is always a wonderful time of the year to help children feel connected with nature and to instill in them an appreciation for the amazing world in which we live!

With the end of the school year just around the corner, it is great to see how far the children have come since the beginning of the year and how independent they have become. Several times this week, I took a step back and just observed how the class was functioning. I couldn't help but smile as I observed 32 children choosing their own work, solving their own problems, cleaning up after themselves, lending a hand to those in need, reading, writing, adding, creating maps, drawing, painting and so much more! The growth from September to now is incredible! A child's insatiable curiosity, infectious joy of discovery and respect for their peers and the world around them reminds me that children are capable of so much more than we give them credit for and we couldn't be more proud of each and every one of them!

This week the children are practicing for their Music Concert. The children have enjoyed singing and music and movement with Mr. Bryce. They have learned many songs and dances. They are very proud of their performance.

The goal of Montessori education is to develop to the fullest the three aspects of the child's nature - body, mind and spirit. Learning music happily involves all three of these dimensions and can, therefore, be a highly integrating force in the development of the child's personality. Music-making involves a physical activity (moving, singing, playing) produced by mental direction (matching a pitch or rhythmic pattern), to convey a sentiment or idea.

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:

"Let us give the child a vision of the whole universe... for all things are part of the universe, and are connected with each other to form one whole unity."

Reminders:

- 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 Schools ends at 11:30AM

Home/School Connection

Play dough Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 cup water
- 1 Tablespoon oil
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- Food coloring by drops

Directions:

1. Combine all ingredients in a pan and stir. Cook over low heat, stirring until a ball forms.
2. Add food coloring and mix thoroughly until desired color.

3. Cool on foil. Store in covered container.