

HAPPENINGS

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"The land is where our roots are. The children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with the Earth"
-Maria Montessori

Welcome Back!

We hope all were able to enjoy their Winter Break. It was lovely to see all the smiling faces and bodies in motion with a "pep" in their step. As we transition back into the swing of things, we wanted to discuss the importance of appropriate clothing for our outdoor classroom.

The outdoor classroom is a large part of the Montessori experience. Students are often taken outside to interact with Mother Nature for lessons, recess, and PE. In order for students to access the outdoors, they need to be prepared with the appropriate attire. Please guide your students to understand how to select the right items for any given day. Make checking the weather a priority with your students. Let them take on the job of being the meteorologist for the day and have a discussion about clothing items such as layering, warm shoes, water resistant clothing, hats, and gloves. Our students go outside daily, unless we have a red air day or severe weather. Please help your students come prepared so that they can be one with nature and their peers.

Classroom Happenings:

Toddlers: Our students learned that during the winter season people wear different types of clothing to keep themselves warm and comfortable. We discussed that in some parts of the world there are people and animals who are accustomed to the very cold temperatures. They were taught how they keep themselves warm and how they have adapted to these cold temperatures. Furthermore students learned that on other animals can only live in the hot climates. We talked about the uses of our five senses and how important they are to us. They learned the letter sounds, colors and the shapes of the month by doing various art activities.



Primary 1: Students learned about the life in the Polar region. They also learned the continent of Antarctica. It is covered with a thick layer of ice. They learned about the seasons. Each season has own temperature and weather patterns that repeat annually. We discussed about Martin Luther King, and that he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and is remembered each year on Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Classroom Happenings:

Primary 2: Africa is the country that you can find a vast land where animals dwell. It is called a "Savannah". People in Africa is rich in culture and traditions. We watch African animals and did some matching pictures of wild animals as integration for our lesson this week. Arctic region are always cold. We pointed out Antarctica using the globe and map. The kids named Animals that live in Arctic/Polar regions. We did Polar bear craft for our art project. Weather changes all the time. We have different kinds of weather. Kids got the chance to pick their favorite weather and say something about it. We enjoyed painting our rainbow for our art project. We acted out different weather and did some role playing for our creative dramatic. We discuss about the story of Martin Luther King. He has a dream that everyone will be equal. He reached that dream with hard work and boldness. We encouraged one another our friends to nice and work hard in our class.



Primary 3: The children observed some Christmas tree worms and did some drawings of them. The Christmas tree worm is a brightly colored tube dwelling worm that looks like a beautiful living Christmas tree. They live on coral reefs around the world. The class went outside and watched the clouds. Cloud watching is a relaxing hobby that allows us to use our imagination. It's such a simple pleasure in our lives. The class has been enjoying our fennel herb with our lunches. I like to put out a bowl of fresh fennel and eat it with all kinds of food. It's an easy way to get children to enjoy healthy food. I like think of it as food as medicine. Herbs are an easy to get vitamins. Fennel herb is such an easy plant to grow all year round., because it does not freeze. We share it with our black swallowtail butterfly friends in the summer. I have my own flock of children that ask for fresh fennel almost daily. I love to see them enjoying fennel. I eat it on my salads, in my water and fresh from the garden.



Observing the clouds!

Valentine's Exchange

We will have a quiet little celebration on Thursday, February 14th during class time. Our exchange is an opportunity for us to tell those people we see every day how important they are to us. Please bring valentine cards for every child in your child's classroom. Write your child's name on each card. Do not write any other children's names, please.

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