

HAPPENINGS

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Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war. - Maria Montessori

International Peace Day - September 21st, 2017

"The International Day of Peace" is a day of global peace; it is a day on which people around the world observe a minute of silence at 12 noon local time. This is the day to experience the emotions of peace are compassion, understanding and love. Compassion is the feeling of shared suffering. When you feel someone else's suffering, understanding is born. Understanding is the knowledge that suffering is shared by everyone. When you understand that you aren't alone in your suffering, there is the birth of love. When there is love there is the opportunity for peace. The School participated in the International Peace Day. Montessori schools from all over the globe joined together to sing the song "Light a Candle for Peace"(by Shelly Murley) simultaneously!! Everyone wore white. Primary students made Peace kites, which they flew outside with such joy.



Classroom Happenings:

Toddlers: In the month of September our students learned an array of colors. They learned primary and secondary colors. Children also enjoyed learning about oncoming fall season when many changes takes place. The students were taught about the tree leaves that will lose their color and fall. The class also learned about the weather patterns and how gradually it will get cold.

Primary 1: The children were inspired by listening to a Dinosaur song that got them counting and learning basic facts about dinosaurs. They enjoyed creating a "Shape-A-Saurus" as their project. The class talked about the history behind Pioneers and their lifestyle. The children imaginatively role played as pioneer children, and then switched to modern day activities. They were fascinated by the wagon they made for art project. The children went outside for a walk and explored Nature in their own way. They realized that the beauty of nature is a great bond to the soul. They made Peace cards that were so creative. The class learned how Australia is similar/different to where we live. They enjoyed experience in reading Australian poem entitled "Kangaroo".

Primary 2: There are so many interesting facts that we learned about dinosaurs. Incredible dinosaurs lived on Earth millions of years ago. They were big, small, fierce and fast or sometimes very slow. Some were fierce meat eaters, while other preferred plants. The class made T-Rex "the king of dinosaur" for art project. The children enjoyed playing with dino masks, puppets and puzzles. Pioneers lived their lives so simple. They lived in log houses, planted their own farm and grew their own cattle.

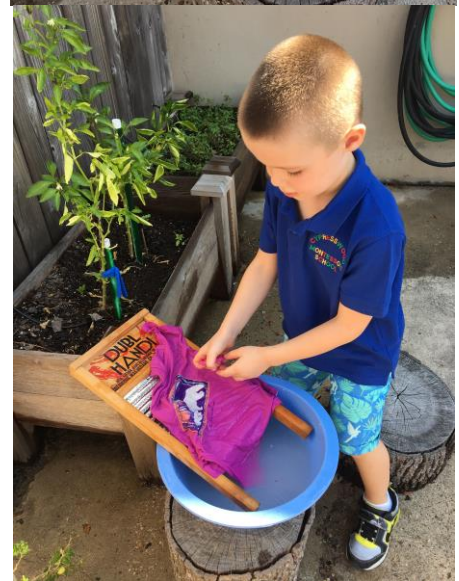
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Johnny Appleseed is one of the well-known pioneers. He planted apple seeds wherever he went. He wore a tin cooking pot for a hat and he was very kind to everyone. The class watched a video of his life story. Kangaroos are very interesting they have a pouch for their baby "Joey". Australia has lots of them. Aboriginals are the natives of Australia.



Primary 3: The whole class had such great time learning about the pioneers. The children made real butter from cream and they thought it was the best butter they ever tasted. The children also learned about how hard daily life was as a pioneer. The class got to experience washing clothes on a washboard and then rinsing and squeezing out the water before hanging it on a clothesline to dry. They even used the old fashioned wooden clothespins. Caterpillar Ville!!! The class has had some hands on learning that focuses on the life cycle of Monarch and Black swallowtail butterflies from the early development of the caterpillar to its later development into a beautiful adult butterfly, the class had 17 monarch part-time pets. All of the Kindergarteners got to take home a monarch chrysalis to observe, name and set free.



Upcoming Events! Week of Oct. 2nd Oct. 6th - Community Helper's Week!

Mon., Oct. 2nd - Firefighters & Fire truck

Wed., Oct. 4th - Dental visit from Dr. Matthews

Thurs., Oct. 5th - Nurse (our parent - Courtney Griffin)

Fri., Oct. 6th - Vet - Dr. Bruno

Wed., Oct. 18th - Life Touch Picture Day starting @ 8:00

Tues. Oct. 31st - Halloween Dress up day

Sat., Nov. 4th - School Carnival from 2:00 - 6:00

Fri. Nov. 17th - Harvest Feast

Fri. Dec. 15th - Cultural Celebration