



Center Montessori School

Upcoming Dates:

- **Mayor's Feed The Hungry Annual Food Drive: November 6 – 17
- **Grandparents and Special Friends Day: November 17



Nest Notes

November 10, 2017

This week we have begun our water work! While we have been focused on our dry pouring and continue to do these activities, we are now adding our much-desired water work! We always begin sequentially with dry pouring and transfers, allowing the child time to work on precision and concentration. We also begin with large vessels, gradually moving to smaller ones, as it is more difficult to achieve accuracy with the smaller vessels.

All the children love working with water and it is wonderful motivation. These lessons teach pouring and the refinement of skills (an indirect aim), while developing concentration, coordination, independence, an awareness of order, and dimension discernment (direct aim). Our two water lessons this week are wet pouring without handles and wet pouring using a funnel. The pouring without handles is comprised of two cups without handles, with the child transferring the water back and forth. In the other activity, the child pours water into a narrow necked bottle using a funnel, then pours the water back into a small cup. The lessons are self-correcting; if there is a spill, the child is shown how to use the sponge included in the lesson to clean it up.

We have begun making our Grandparents Day presents! While grandparents and special friends are invited into the environments of the older children on this special day, we make our family and friends special presents. The children love to have visitors but at this age it is very difficult when the visitors leave. The children do not understand why they cannot go with them which often causes many tears. Thank you for your understanding in respecting their sense of order and tender feelings. They are always so proud to leave with the special gifts they have made for them!



A PEEK INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Top picture: **Max G.** painting his Grandparents Day gift.

Bottom picture: **Miguel M.F.** pouring without handles.



To the Hoard Family for providing healthy snack this week.