



Nest Notes

February 15, 2019

Happy Valentine Week!

We enjoyed our week finishing our pinch pots, then painting and sealing them. The children took care in wrapping their pots and placing them in their own gift bags. Each child then made their own Valentine to accompany the gift.

We had many children this week with congestion. The pollen count is very high right now and allergies are certainly flaring up. In an effort to not contaminate food, we have refrained from cooking this week. As soon as everyone is feeling well, we will resume our cooking experiences. I am on the lookout for healthy recipes that are nut free, dairy free, egg free (we can use egg replacement), and gluten free. If you have a recipe you make at home which we could convert easily, please share it with us. We love to make family favorites!



The children have been working hard on one-person work this week as well as being a “watcher”. A “watcher” watches his friends work while waiting for his turn, and does not touch his friend’s work. This is big work for the children. We have worked a lot this week with several lessons which have small objects and are precious to the children and facilitate language. While they are all one-person works, the children who

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gather to watch are learning self control, and at the same time gaining the language indirectly while watching.

At this time of year our older children continue to become more and more verbal. We communicate to them, “Your words are strong.” We make many opportunities to experience the power of their words. It is exciting to hear the children using their words to ask for help, say thank you, and facilitate actions with friends. We are modeling constantly, and the children continuously take it in.

We want to thank the Catts Family for the healthy snack this week. Thank you.

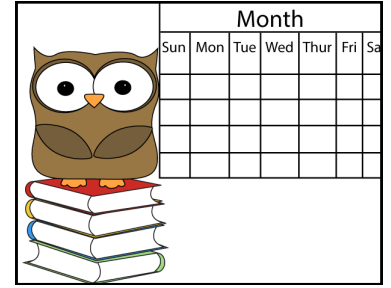
We cannot create observers by saying 'observe', but by giving them the power and the means for this observation and these means are procured through education of the senses.
Maria Montessori



Dates to Remember

Monday, February 18- No school in observance of Presidents' Day

We will be having an open house for tours from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on February 16. If you know someone whose child could benefit from being with us, please invite them to come and see who we. This is a very nice way to see us in action and gain more information about the Montessori philosophy.



Registration is now open to the public. Please make sure you get your registration in for next year as soon as possible if you have not done so already. While we always fill up first for our half-day enrollments, our Nesters moving up to Primary will want to secure their spots, too. Administration will take your placement requests to heart, ultimately seeking the best dynamic and balance for each student and environment. Once a Primary classroom fills up, choices will be more limited.

Have a fun filled three-day weekend!
Christine and Rosa



Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.

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