



Nest Notes

March 1, 2019

We have had a busy week. We began Montessori Education Week watching the third graders' presentation on our blacktop. Our little ones watched and clapped happily after each third grader finished their part speaking about Maria Montessori.

We have several new lessons in our environment, including using a dropper and using a strainer. These are both multi-step lessons with much to remember. The use of tools is always very interesting to the children.

Using a dropper: The child is learning to squeeze and use pressure (fine motor) with the dropper as well as using eye/hand coordination to squeeze drops onto suction cups. A sponge is used to clean up spills and the suction cups. When the sponge goes onto the suction cup, the child sees all the water disappear into the sponge. I tell them the sponge drinks up the water and cleans our spills. Each water work contains a sponge to clean up.



Using a strainer: With this lesson, the strainer is straining water from shells when the child puts the strainer on top of an empty cup and pours the shells and water into it. After the child pours the shells into the empty cup from the strainer, he then pours the water back on top of them, then repeats until finished.

We began our Spring Fling artwork today. I will send you progress pictures as we move through our project. I am always very nervous in the beginning, and then amazed when their work is finished. The children pick their colors and we help them through the process. I cannot wait to see their masterpiece when they are all finished.

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Mark your calendar for the Spring Fling on April 13, at 6:00 p.m. I would love to see you all there. It is always a fun evening with a yummy dinner and silent and live auction items. All proceeds benefit our financial aid program through CEPA. If you wish to apply for any financial aid funds, please contact Sierra in the office for the paperwork to fill out. There is a deadline.

If you have not reserved your seats for the Ross Greene event on March 21, please do ASAP! We teachers will be spending the day with him in a workshop. The evening will be so valuable to all our parents. If you have not already done so, you can pick up a copy of his book *Raising Human Beings*. I have a copy that I am reading and am happy to share it.



Using a strainer

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

