



Olympic View Montessori Newsletter

February 2009



Future Events:

Thursday, March 5th...Morning class field trip to Creation station

Thursday, March 19th...Teacher Inservice

Thursday, March 26th..Afternoon in class field trip with science express.

Monday March30—Friday April 3rd ... Spring Break



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A note from Ms. Kait

Practical Life: Window Washing

Sensorial: hexagon box

Math: cubed chains

Language: Sounds and Letters p ,q,r
(next month s, t, u)

Geography: Australia Unit

Science: Teeth and healthy eating

Field Trips:

We had a field trip to Perrnville Family Dentistry this month. It was so educational for the children and a lot of fun. This month we will have an in- class field trip from Science Express and Travel to the Creation Station to study Colors and Shapes. We will also be discussing these as a unit in class this month.



Kid's Tidbits:



Constance: "I think I have really grown, either that or these pants were always capris!"

Maria: " I really like the animal work, especially the lion cause it is Fiercy."

Miss Kait: "You mean fierce?"

Maria: ' Yes fierce!"

Out of Class: I will be gone from February 23-26th on a trip with my extended family. Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Megan and Ms. Nikki will be here to answer any questions. I am always accessible by phone, in case of emergency. Thanks for your understanding

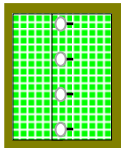
Spring Break: Reminder Spring break is March 30-April2nd We hope that you all will enjoy your time together with your family.

Tuition for April: You can submit your tuition for April before Friday or mail the tuition payment to the school in the envelope proved in your cubbies. I will not be depositing the checks until March 26th, Or you can post date them. **Remember tuition is due March 25th and will be late on Monday, April 6th.**

Mrs. Graham's and Miss Shannon's Class

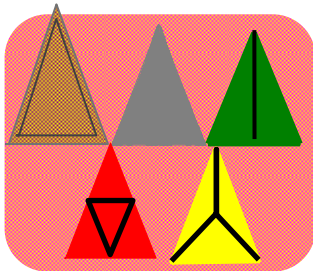
Practical Life

We have another new dressing frame this month! The button frame. The button frame is to help the children learn to button and unbutton their own clothes...very important for those little independent hands! Encourage your child to show you how much they have progressed with this important skill.



Sensorial

Our sensorial area has a lot of new activities. One of the favorites is the Triangle Box. Inside this box there are 4 equilateral triangles of 4 different colors. Three of the colored triangles are segmented into 2, 3, or 4 equal parts. The adjoining sides are 'isolated' or marked by thick black lines enabling the child to reconstruct the segments back in to a single equilateral triangle.

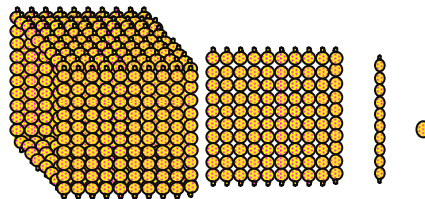


A popular extension of this activity is taking the different triangles and using them to construct designs that are illustrated on corresponding cards. Visual discrimination, arithmetic skills and an indirect

preparation for higher math are the benefits of this work.

Math

We have seen a lot of the older children use the golden beads for 'dynamic' addition. The golden bead material is composed of unit beads, ten-bead bars, hundred-bead squares and thousand-bead cubes. The initial addition exercises using these place-value materials is 'static' addition where no carrying of a ten or a hundred value is required. In dynamic addition, carrying is involved, and the problems are solved correctly when the child has mastered this difficult concept with the use of these tactile aids.



This is an example of static addition.

1	2	3	4
+	4	2	3
1	6	5	7

This is an example of dynamic addition.

Language

Our language sounds for this month were a review "o" as in octopus, "p" as in pig, "q" as in queen, and "r" in rabbit. Next month we will learn "s" as in sun, "t" as in tree, "u" as in umbrella, and "v" as in violin



Geography

This month we have been continuing or focus on the continent of North America. The children having been learning about the three major countries that are a part of North America; Canada, Mexico and The United States. We will continue focusing on South America next Month and we will learn about 6 different flags from that country. We will also study different artifacts from South America and have the opportunity to use and make a map and our own flags of South America



Science

This month in Science we learned about our teeth! The children Learned about how to keep their teeth clean and healthy! They also learned the different parts of the teeth and how many teeth we have as children and adults!



We will be studying insects next month. We will learn the parts of insects and about different types of insects!



Until Next Month!!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

