

Olympic View Montessori Newsletter

February 2010



Future Events:

Thursday, March 4th..Afternoon in-class field trip with science express.

Thursday, March 12th...Morning in-class field trip with Mad Science

Thursday, March 18th...Teacher in-service,
No school

Monday March 29th—Friday April 2nd ... Spring Break, No School



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Practical Life:Window Washing

Sensorial:hexagon box

Math: cubed chains

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

Geography: Asia Unit

Science: Body Unit

Field Trips:

We had a two unique and interesting in-class field trips discussing bees and insects this month. The children each made unique projects and learned about compact eyes, how bees live and make honey. Next month Science Express and Mad Science will conduct two more in-class field trips on our bodies.

Reminders:Please remember to send in water bottles for your child. We have extra cups in case you forget water bottles, but we love to save trees and have the children provide reusable containers. Thanks!

Out of Class: I will be gone from March 15th-18th on a trip with my extended family. Miss Gina and Miss Megan will be here to answer any questions. I am always accessible by phone, in case of emergency. Thanks for your understanding.

New Address: Koehler's (Jonah) new address is:

MarLee and Karl Koehler
11400 Bella Coola Road,
Woodway, WA 98020

Spring Break: Reminder, spring break is March 29-April 2nd We hope that you all will enjoy your time together with your family.

Kid's Tidbits:

Jonah: " We have a new house and it's huge-normous!"



Quinn:" Mom, I need 4 more seconds, I need to chase the boys."

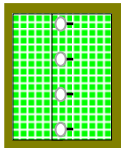
Tuition for April: You can submit your tuition for April before Friday March 26th or mail the tuition payment to the school in the envelope provided in your cubbies. I will not be depositing the checks until March 26th, Or you can post date them.
Reminder: Tuition is due March 25th and will be late on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

Thanks!

Mrs. Graham's and Miss Shannon's Class

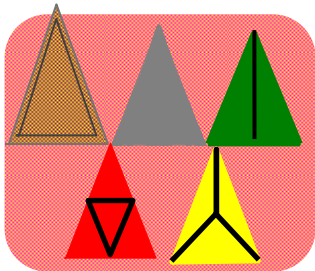
Practical Life

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.

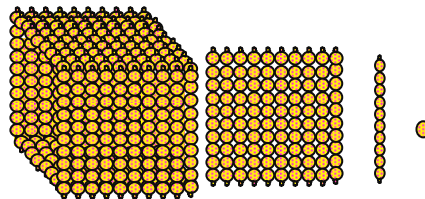


A popular extension of this activity is taking the different triangles and using them to construct designs that are illustrated on corresponding cards. Visual discrimination, arithmetic skills and an indirect

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!

