

## MAY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### April Highlights

We have been enjoying Spring in a number of different ways this past month. The "living Easter baskets" were certainly a highlight. We've heard that a number of them are still going strong! We also had a busy "Earth Week," and hopefully you got to see the various projects they were to bring home. What a wonderful and varied assortment of globes came for a visit too! Those were greatly enjoyed by everyone all week long. We also had lots of books to read and discussions to have about our Earth, the environment, climate change, and various ways even they can help our Earth in everyday ways. We've also spent time out in "The Pasture" with our Spring poem. They were very excited to recite it to you and share their accompanying art work.

In **Language**, The Seconds completed their Verb book including work with verb tenses. The Thirds, after learning about what an Adverb is, are now practicing how to recognize and then put those words into what they write to make their sentences and paragraphs even richer. In our **supplementary math work** the 2nds completed all their work with telling time including by 1 minute intervals. Thirds finished the work of weighing objects on a gram scale. We also hope you enjoyed seeing their various *Geometry* projects that were brought home this past month - always a favorite subject. Bravo to everyone for an awesome April!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

In **Language** the Third Years will continue moving toward the final chapters in their *Montessori Grammar* study. After the completion of Adverb work comes Pronouns, and then by June, Conjunctions. The Second Years will be learning Prepositions. In **Supplementary Math**, the 3rds will spending a good amount of time with Fractions. *Geometry* lessons are also becoming more frequent and accompanied by "projects" to make. Hopefully these have been getting home for you to see...and for them to explain to you! ☺ Speaking of being proud, the children are also most proud of their ability to write so many words in cursive now. It's

always a big part of the spelling tests each week to search for how many words of the words we can write in cursive! (We only have about 4 more letters to learn.)

In **Botany** we will be studying **Stems**. What could there be to learn about what some might call the least interesting part of a plant? It's just a straight thing that holds up and holds together everything else in the plant. Quite the contrary!! We'll be discovering that stems are fascinating. Besides "just standing there," they can climb, crawl, and even hide underground. They also hold within them some of the most spectacular flowers of spring. And another one that hides is one of our favorite foods to eat. Stand by for Stems Study!

Also to note on your upcoming calendar is The **Third Year's Graduation ceremony which will be Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**. Look for more details about that in the June newsletter.

May it be a productive month for everyone in May.

Our Best Regards to you all,

Mary Anne and Amira

### **Calendar:**

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - Celebrating Cinco de Mayo - Students who are Hispanic may wear any Mexican-type clothes they may have. In addition other students may have free dress if they wear green, white, and red to honor the flag of Mexico.

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - Sharing Day (theme: "Something You Have Made")

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> - Happy Mother's Day to all moms!

**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - Full Moon, and TOTAL ECLIPSE, 9:14 p.m.**

Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day; no classes and no daycare