



Classroom I Newsletter

As we near the end of October, the shelves are plentiful and the classroom is a daily flurry of activity. The children are engaged in longer activities and their interest in the materials is escalating.

The Latest

This month we took a week long journey to Europe learning about the different cultures of France, Spain, and Italy.

Senora Santa-Pau (Laura's Mom) is a native of Spain. She brought in many artifacts and pictures of her homeland to share with us. One of the favorites was a board game that is popular with the children in Spain. As the children played, they had a chance to practice counting in Spanish.

Dorothea and Yensen Starr- LeBeau, graduates of Classroom 1, took a summer vacation to Venice, Italy. They were gracious enough to return to our classroom to share their adventures. They made a cultural basket for the classroom which includes a map of Venice, a replica of a gondola, euros, and beautiful photos of fine Italian art. They also brought in "Nutella" (a chocolate hazelnut spread) for the children to sample. We all agreed that we could make this a part of our daily diet. Yum!



We have begun music appreciation lessons. We are using the Brummitt-Taylor Music Program. This program exposes the children to the classical music of fine composers, past and present. Listening to a short piece of classical music has become a part of our daily routine. One of the many aims and objectives of this program is to have the children learn that composers create music by using their musical ideas in interesting ways.



They will learn basic music vocabulary, and hopefully over time, develop a lifelong interest in listening to music. We began by listening to Antonio Vivaldi's composition of *Autumn* from *The Four Seasons* and Claude Debussy's *Arabesque*. The next few weeks will feature selections from Britten, Copland and Mozart. It is very exciting to already hear some of the children's comments as they fine tune their ears for the different instruments.

Reminders and Requests

We would like for each child to please bring in one plastic jar. A large peanut butter jar would be the perfect size.

Please save any birthday or holiday greeting cards. We will use the pictures as story starters. It is especially helpful if you trim the cards first and only send in the fronts.

Please remember if writing a check for pizza it must be written to Providence Montessori School. Papa John's will not accept personal checks.



As the temperatures begin to drop, we will continue to go outside to play (even if for only for 10 minutes) so please send "labeled" gloves and hats along with warm coats.

Thanks To You

Thank you to the Moreno family for donating a pastry blender and biscuit cutters. We will soon be cooking and filling the air with the aroma of warm biscuits!!

Thank you to the Kolasa family for the donation of a "Lite-Brite". Always a favorite with the children!

Thank you to the Bradley family for the beautiful Kentucky basket. This will be a nice addition to our geography shelves!

Thank you to Kim Johnson (past primary teacher) for coming to our classroom to share her invaluable lessons on peace.

Feel free to come any morning and observe the children in their world of discovery! We are always happy to take a few minutes with you if you have any questions during your observation.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

Joan, Christie, and Diane



The greatest sign of success
for a teacher... is to be able to say, "The children
are now working as if I did not exist."

Maria Montessori