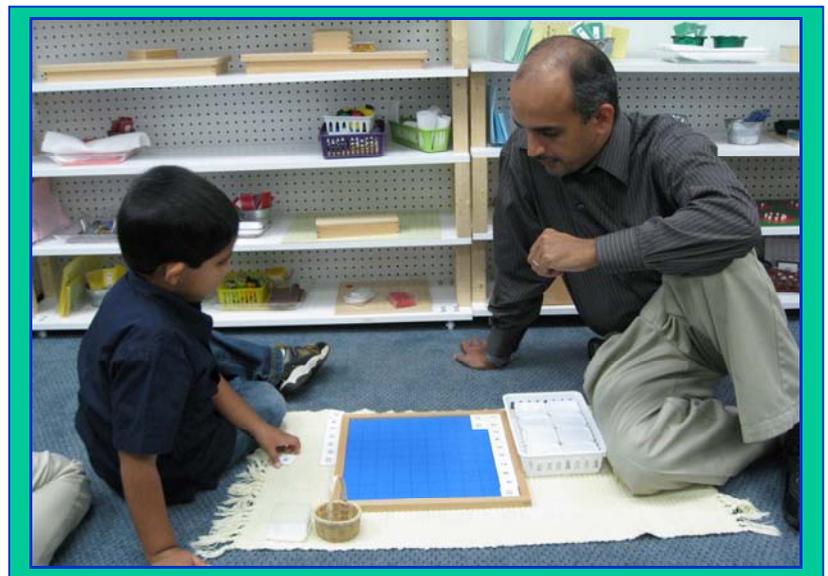




Our theme of the month for February was **The Five Senses**. It was a “sensational” time of discovery as the children participated in so many activities to learn how they experience the world around them.

We also focused on love and friendship, celebrated Valentine’s Day, President’s Day and Dental Health month. The classroom looked so “lovely” with our color theme of red, pink, and white and the many heart shaped objects everywhere.

Thank you to our Mom’s of the Month, **Mrs. Decker, Mrs. Abdula, Mrs. Modi, and Mrs. Siddiqui** for planning wonderful activities that reinforced our many topics and themes. The children participated in a braille and sign language lesson, constructed Abraham Lincoln’s log cabin out of pretzels, and made booklets about the five senses. Special thanks to Mrs. Decker for the sign language presentation. Each child got to take a Braille home brought by her.



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During **Circle Time**, we sang songs and read books and poems about dental health, presidents, friendship, love and our five senses. Each day, we had a friendship tip that was posted on the wall. The children showed love and friendship to each other by practicing this daily tip!

In **Art**, the children poked pennies and quarters with silhouettes of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. While keeping with the “love” theme, they enjoyed projects like tissue art hearts, door hangers, heart lacing and heart butterfly poking.

Learning about our Five Senses was awesome! Take a look at the amazing activities the children experienced:

- **Auditory:** We sang a song about sounds & listening and used sound cylinders. With our eyes closed, we played “guess that musical instrument” and guessed our friends voices.
- **Gustatory:** We picked oranges from our orange tree & made fresh GMMS orange juice. We tested the different flavors in our taste buds...cookies for sweet, lemon juice for sour, vinegar for bitter, and salt water for salty. As a special treat, we baked fresh bread in class...yum!
- **Olfactory:** The children did Smelling Bottle matching and experienced the aroma of fresh baked bread.
- **Visual:** We had so much fun doing picture sorting and art matching.
- **Tactile:** The children participated in a hidden geometric solids lesson and completed a stereognastic activity (mystery bag matching).



For Valentine's Day, the children made a beautiful card and gift for their parents and decorated bags for the Valentine exchange among the classroom "friends." Of course, the favorite activity was decorating the delicious sugar cookies!



**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**





The last week in February was dedicated to **Maria Montessori**. We read books and learned about her teachings. Each child made a booklet to express their love, for the great leader, in the form of pictures.

## Thank you...

- **All the parents** who attended the **Parent Meeting** to make plans for the End of the Year.
- Special thanks to the **moms** who volunteered for the year book, journal writing books, invitations/programs and slide presentation.
- **Mrs. Khan** for bringing in a yummy fruit platter for the meeting!
- **To all the parents** who contributed to the Birthday wish list. The children are very excited to have new enriching activities in the different areas of the classroom!
- **Trivedi Family** for bringing in a special gift for the classroom from India!

We hope you all enjoyed the lessons presented to you at **Teach Your Parent Day**. The children were so excited acquiring the role of a teacher and took great pride in presenting lessons to Mom and Dad!



We will be learning about **Human Body** in the month of March.

Spring Break: **March 26<sup>th</sup> thru April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Quote:

"The best and most beautiful things in life cannot be seen or touched but are felt in the heart."

Helen Keller



A warm welcome to our new students **Arman Farshid** and **Aidan Rupp**!



# Happy Birthday!!!



Zahra Shahid (Explorers) turned 5!

*"We must help the child act, think and will for himself. This is the art of serving the spirit, an art which can be practiced to perfection only when working with children."*

*Dr. Maria Montessori*