



January 2013

### Five Senses and Winter

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Upon arriving back to school from a long winter break, the children returned to their classrooms eager to get busy to work on the many familiar and new works, and to return back to the comfort of our daily routine. All works, kept in mind the theme of Winter and the 5 Senses. In the practical life area (for example) they've enjoyed pouring, tweezing and scooping snowballs. In the language area, books about snow related stories were available and building a snowman activity was often frequented by the children. In the art area, they had the opportunity to push pin or cut snowflakes, snowmen and mittens. Works emphasizing the 5 senses also enhanced our classroom shelves. Such as our push pin, cutting and gluing work of Mr. or Mrs. Potato head which focused on each of the senses.



### Thank You !!!

**Mrs. Yazima** for creating a beautiful flyer for the open house.

**Mrs. Dinda** for creating a beautiful picture collage of children for the school entrance.

We need your help spreading the word for the **Open House on Sat. Mar. 2nd**. Please ask the teachers for the flyers if you have some specific places in mind for distribution of the flyers.

Each referral would get a **\$50.00 discount** towards the next month's tuition payment.

The interest of the children was piqued in the materials located within our Sensorial shelves. All materials in this area emphasized the isolation of seeing (discrimination of size – pink tower, brown prisms ); color (color tabs); and form (knobless cylinders); hearing (sound cylinders); touching (touch boards), just to name a few. In addition to these sensorial activities, the Moms of the Month enhanced the children's knowledge of each of the 5 senses by creating works such as sight (I spy,) smell (discrimination of smell of various items) hearing (telephone game), touch (discrimination of textures), taste (discrimination of tastes), in addition to having each child create a "self portrait" where items were glued onto it, which depicted each sense .



During circle time, the children gained awareness of the importance of the sense of seeing (visual), hearing (auditory), tasting (gustatory), touching (tactile) and smelling (olfactory). We enjoyed looking into our friends eyes and noticing the color of their iris', noticing how the pupil would expand or contract due to the amount of light present within the environment; how we have the ability to hear low and high sounds; and how our sense of touch enables us to feel different textures and varying temperatures.



We appreciate the time and thoughtfulness these moms put into in creating these hands on activities for the children. Thank you **Mrs. Chopra, Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Badaloo and Ms. Martinez.**



Though our theme this month within the classroom emphasized the 5 senses, the Montessori environment and curriculum naturally immerses the child in works which taps each of these senses in order for them to perceive, which enables them to learn. A Montessori environment nurtures spontaneous learning. Children within this age bracket learn through their senses. A thought for you to consider, "Only when one has the ability to perceive, allows for the acquisition of knowledge"



At circle time, we read stories and talked about our great national hero, Martin Luther King Jr. We talked about peace and equality and how important it is to spread the love without racial discrimination.

Teddy Bear picture day ran without a hitch. All children looked their best for their individual photos and class picture. Our Teddy Bear Portrait representative will have your child's photo ready for your viewing on Friday, Feb.8th . On that day your child's pictures will be displayed at arrival and dismissal time and you may purchase photos of your child(ren) choosing from various packages.



**Mr. Grilli (Jayse's Dad)** read a baseball themed story "A Glove Of Their Own" to the afternoon children. At its completion, Mr. Grilli kindly distributed to each child their own book along with his autographed baseball card. Thank you **Mr. Grilli**, for your time and generosity!

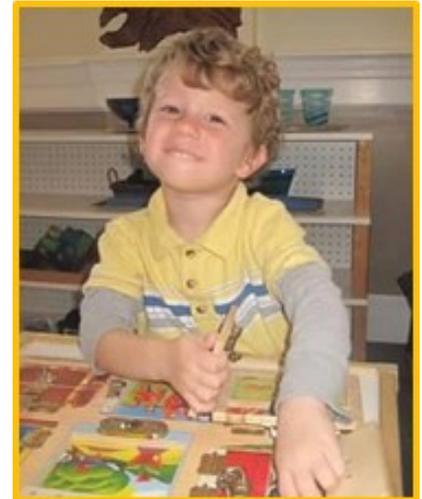
A warm welcome to our new students !!!



Mina Nenic



Liam Daley



Max Daley



Asad Shah



Lucas Bednar

### Upcoming Events

Our theme for the month of February is Mammals/love and friendship/president's day.

Portrait showing Day(Teddy Bear Studios) : Friday Feb. 8th

Parent meeting: Graduation prep. (date to be announced)

Open House: Saturday Mar. 2nd.

# Happy Birthday!!!



Sia Chopra turned 5



Valentina Nolasco turned 3