



FEBRUARY 17-FEBRUARY 21

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Welcome to Liberty Montessori's
Weekly Newsletter.

It provides timely information and
highlights the learning taking place
across all classrooms. ICONS (see
below) are used to distinguish our
distinct Montessori classrooms:

Dragonflies and Ladybugs, as well as
Early Childhood (PreK 3,4,5 and
Kindergarten 6): Butterflies.

Please look for these ICONS to identify
the classroom and learning children
were exposed to this week!



In the month of February, the
educational focus is on
Spring.

***In addition, all
classroom lessons
focus on***

- Care of environment/ self
- Food preparation
- Grace and courtesy
- Fine & gross motor skills

***added to Butterflies
& Ladybugs is***

- Strengthening pencil grip
- Reinforcing reading & writing
- Introduction to the continent
of Europe.

***Our Butterfly Show and
Tell Project***

2/ 28 favorite animal

Dear Valued Parents,

Since I have not received Universal Health **Forms from ALL parents,**
I am repeating this edition.

The Department of Health visited our school and we were advised
that **we will be receiving a summons for every child who does not
have an updated Universal Health Form, Immunization Record and
IMM8.** Below is the notice I have sent every week for the last two
weeks.

New Jersey Department of Children and Families and the New
Jersey Department of Health requires that early childhood centers
such as ours, and daycares collect **Universal Health Forms, as well
as IMM8 Forms, and Immunization records, including evidence of
the child(ren) having received a flu vaccine annually.**

Once a year, the Department of Health visits schools to review
every child's file. If current and updated medical forms are not
available, the school may be sanctioned. Any fines imposed to
Liberty Montessori as a result of missing health forms are passed
through to parents. Further, after the Department of Health
identified missing forms, we are unable to accept the child in the
school until the proper documentation is provided.

To facilitate this process, Liberty Montessori emails parents who
have not yet provided updated medical documentation in August
(requesting updated registration packages with medical forms) and
in January / February. It is the parents' responsibility to address
these requests. Please help us keep our focus on y/our children
instead of paperwork.

Ivonne

Practical Life *News*

Develops gross and fine motor skills. Prepares children for writing and builds independence and responsibility.
Supports the development of order and concentration.

This takes place in all classrooms in a developmentally appropriate manner.

Please follow all the icons to see samples of work happening in our children's rooms.

Transferring using spoons



Tape peeling



Hole punching



Peeling a clementine



Transferring using tongs



Rolling a rug



Pouring using a pitcher



Sponge squeezing



Painting

Tape peeling



Language *News*

Tracing letter c



Letter w/ objects

Letter w/ pictures

The Ladybugs continued this week with the sound of the letter C by singing various songs. The children also learned some words that began with the letter C for letter recognition. The older ladybugs traced the letter to build an imprint on their brain for when we are ready for handwriting and to reinforced how we write.

Beginning sounds



Handwriting



Reading Antonym words



Sensorial *News*

Geometric Solids/ cards

Order, concentration, coordination, and independence.



Color Box 1 / Color Box 2

Rough & smooth
boards

Math *News*

Sandpaper numbers

Sequential numerical order



Numbers & counters

reinforcing odd & even



Table number rods

Sequential numerical order



Cultural News

Continent of Europe



World continent globe

This week the Ladybugs were introduced to the world continent globe. The children learned that the planet earth is made up of land and water.



Science News

Parts of a flower

stem
receptacle
petals
stamens
pistil



Parts of a butterfly

hindlegs
forelegs
thorax
antenna
abdomen
compounds eyes



Globe:

Aims-
problem solving
Self-correcting
Language skills
Eye hand
coordination
Social skills
Developing
persistence
Abstract thinking
Imagination
Creativity
Math skills



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Ah! Arachnids

Live arachnids* (scorpion, tarantula) visited us for a meet and greet. We also explored shapes and patterns of spider webs.



Workshop News



Yoga

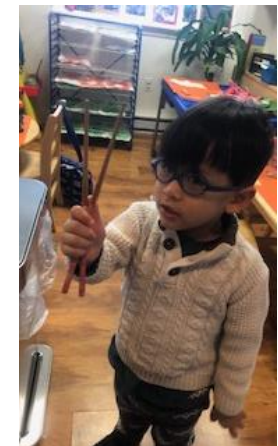
The children this week learned and practiced another way of showing love. We talked about cooking, sharing, contributing with our friends and community. Teaching the children other forms of love is to teach them to be grateful.





Show & Tell

On Friday February 21, for show and tell I brought an item that represents my background.



Purpose of show and tell:

1. Develop presentation skills
2. Practice preparing for a project
3. Early development of public speaking skills.

Parents thank you for helping your child prepare for this important activity!

REMINDERS

1. SHOW & TELL WEEKLY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

Favorite animal

(ONLY IN THE BUTTERFLY CLASSROOM)

2. MARCH 2ND DR SEUSS VISIT 3:30-4:30

3. DR SEUSS WEEK

A. Mon March 2 Mix match day

B. Tues March 3 terrific hat day

C. Wed March 4 wacky Wednesday day

D. Thurs March 5 Thing 1 & Thing 2 day

E. Fri March 6 fun socks Friday

4. MARCH 6 NJMAC - COACH WILL BE COVERING BUTTERFLY CLASSROOM.

5. MARCH 10 CELEBRATION OF HOLI ONLY CHILDREN

6. MARCH 12 & 13 SCHOOL CLOSED AMS CONFERENCE

7. MARCH 25 PICTURE DAY

