# IMPORTANT

Dear Readers,

We highlight the learning taking place across all classrooms in one newsletter. The icons (below) should serve as an easy guide and will be used to convey the distinct Montessori classrooms: Dragonflies and Ladybugs, as well as Early Childhood (PreK3,4,5 and Kindergarten 6) classroom: Butterflies.

Please look out for these pictures to find out what the children were exposed to this week!

In the month of November, we will focus on harvest.

## *All Classrooms*

- Care of environment/ self
- Ability to grade by size & color

## *Only Butterflies & Ladybugs*

- Strengthening pencil grip
- Reinforcing reading
- Intro to globe/earth/maps

## Show and Tell

## November

15th Something that begins with the first letter of your name.

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# NEWSLETTER

## *November 4th -November 8th, 2019*

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Valued Parents,

This week I have focused on assessments.

Naturally, attention has been drawn to the educational assessments Liberty Montessori uses to measure student performance and development in preparation for Parent/Teacher conferences scheduled for early-December. And, I was also given reason to assess my practices reflecting on goals and outcomes.

Six years ago, in (Port Liberte) Jersey City, NJ as a daycare was closing amid a scandal. I don't know all the details but later learned members of that daycare's staff had been accused of child abuse. It was shocking and sad. More than that it was simply unacceptable.

I visited Department of Children and Families to determine how I could open a Montessori school for early learning. The department's director recommended that I consider filling this community's need for high-quality, reliable childcare. My partner and I accepted the challenges and opened. That was six years ago, this week.

Like any job done with a mind toward high-standards and integrity, it has not been easy. But it is always rewarding.

Thank you for sharing your most precious children with Liberty Montessori. Daily, I stand in awe of our teachers and students as they demonstrate acts of kindness, compassion and high-order critical thinking skills.

In partnership,

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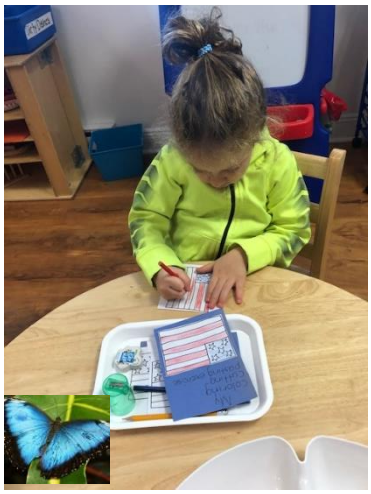
# Practical Life *News*

Develop gross and fine motor skills.
Supports independency, order, 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.

## Lacing acorn pattern

## Coloring cutting & pasting



## Cleaning chair

## Cleaning placemats

## Carrying a chair

## Carrying an item

## Peeling tape

## Rolling a rug

# Language *News*

This week the Ladybugs continue to explore the sounds of the letter a. This activity will enhance visual development & Letter identification

## Musical Letters

The Dragonflies used maracas to sing the letters.

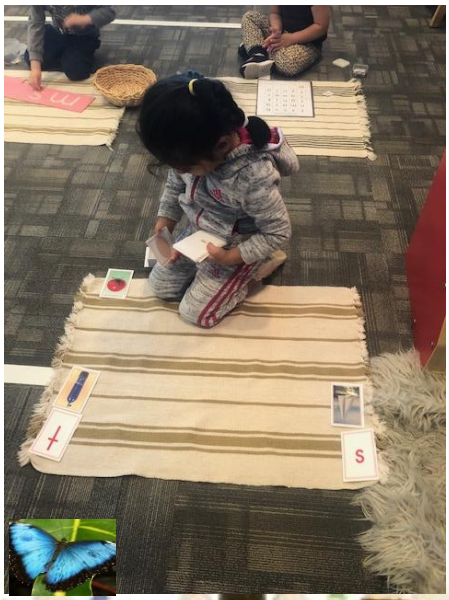
- **refinement of voluntary movement**
- **muscular education of the hands**

## Matching of the alphabet

Matching upper- and lower-case letters

## Beginning & Ending sounds

Reinforcing sounds
Preparation for reading



## Story Books

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# Sensorial *News*

Knobbless Yellow & Red Cylinders & Geometric solids:

- **refinement of voluntary movement**
- **muscular education of the grip**
- **visual discrimination of thickness**.

## Diya Lights /Blocks/ Pink Towers

- Concentration
- Order
- Independence
- Visual sense-
  - discrimination of size

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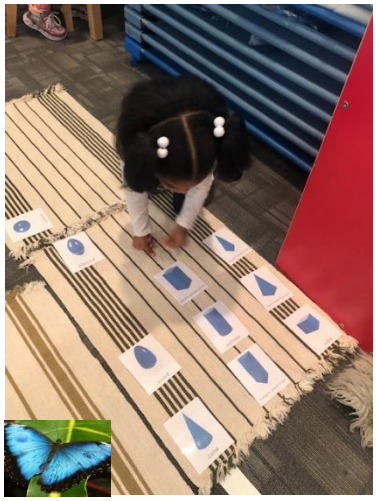

# Math *News*

## Number Rods

Numerical sequential order.

## Spindle Box

Matching quantity to symbol.

## Addition strip board

Basic addition-facts of 10.

# Culture *News*

This week the children celebrated Veteran's Day. The children learned that Veteran's Day is a day set aside to help us remember the anniversary of the end of World War I. Veterans Day is an official United States holiday that honors people whom have served in our armed services. These men and women are called veterans. We celebrate Veterans Day each year and we thank all our veterans for serving and making our country free, peaceful, and strong.

# Geography *News*

## *South America*

# Science *News*

## Parts of a Turkey

This week the preschool and Kindergarten (EC) children learned the parts of a turkey. The children used recycling materials to create their own turkeys.

## Magnify glass

The children learned the how to use the magnifying glass by examining fall objects allowing our Ladybugs to develop visual and fine motor skills.

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# Workshop *News*

## Yoga

**Gratitude Yoga**
**This week we focused on Body Expression using Fall as an inspiration for the sensory activities. As we learned a little more about our senses now it is time to discover how to use it and have fun with it in Yoga.**

## Chess

Chess develops problems solving skills. Chess improves your memory. Chess is a great 3D game and exercises both parts of the brain.

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## C o d e - a - pilla r s & B e e B o t s part 2

**The Butterflies experimented with early learning coding robots. The children learned how to program, direction, and distance.**

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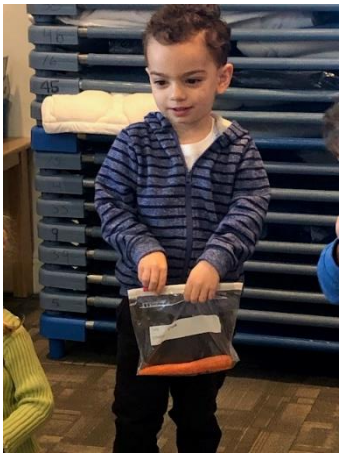
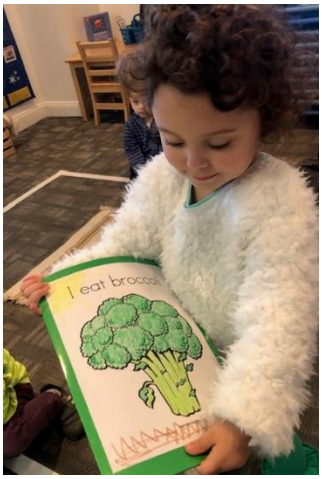
# Show & Tell

## On Friday November 8th I brought my favorite vegetable.





**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

   (ONLY IN THE BUTTERFLY CLASSROOM)

   11/15 something that begins with the first letter of your name.

2. NOV 11TH VETERANS DAY

   SCHOOL OPEN-PARENT EXCHANGE FOR MARCH 13, 2020 AMS CONFERENCE

3. NOV 27TH EARLY DISMISSAL 4PM

4. NOV 28TH 29TH SCHOOL CLOSED-THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

5. STATE-MANDATED REGISTRATION FORMS ARE BEING UPDATED AND WILL BE SENT OUT FOR SIGNATURE BEFORE NOVEMBER ENDS.

6. PARENT/TEACHER MTS DEC 2-6