

IMPORTANT

Dear parents,

As a reminder, we will 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

Infant/Toddler 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 your child learned this week!

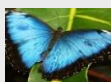


In the month of October, we will review all about me and focused on harvest.

- Care of environment/ self
- Strengthening pencil grip
- Parts of a horse
- Ability to grade by size

Please follow all the icons to see samples of work happening in your child's class.

Show and Tell



October

18th My favorite object



NEWSLETTER

October 7th-October 11th, 2019

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Valued Parents,

It's been a busy week. I had new carpeting installed into the Nursery (Infant/Toddler) and Butterfly classrooms (Early Childhood) and invested in new materials for the Ladybugs (Infant / Toddler). Our Infant/Toddler Program teacher continues probation. (Note: Concerns you have expressed to me are being addressed) and we have two vacancies (1. Elementary Teacher and 2. an Infant / Toddler teacher.) *Do you know a candidate?*

This week, Liberty Montessori also began the annual relicensing process. NJ Department of Children and Families visited, and while they loved the school, we received citations for Port Liberte water temperature and because some parents have not labeled/dated food containers, clothing or completed and returned the registration packages we requested over the summer. The state also wants additional parent forms to be completed. I will send these out to you this coming week. PLEASE REMEMBER to label/ date your child's food and drinks, and sign and return the new forms.

We also began our Workshop Program. Most Butterfly parents voted to enroll in Chess and Yoga (Soccer and Music did not make the cut.) In addition, we are piloting Yoga for Toddlers (30-minute sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00-3:30 pm).

Finally, exploratory discussions continue as we look to expand and open Elementary I (6-9-year-old) in September 2020.

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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 your child's class.

Whole hand transfer



Self-feeding is a huge step towards independence but as always, we help our children eat their food, too!

Sorting seasonal leaves



Scissors



Transfer with a spoon



The children continued their work with dressing frames and expanded to include the zipper frame.

Walking around the line



Cutting an apple

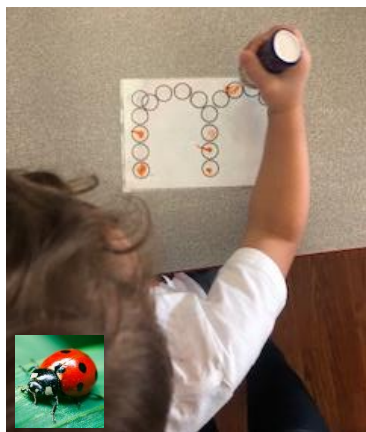


Language News

Dot Painting

We explored the shape of the letter m, and the many words that start with it. Using the dotting marker is a challenging work that strengthens fine motor skills.

Dotting circles using the dotter instrument to strengthen pencil grip.



Language through Music

Research shows that language and tonal memory develop together. Singing about the different parts of our bodies the weather outside, links vocabulary to children's experiences. Adding bubbles adds another layer of fun!



Beginning sounds

Reinforcing beginning sounds
Preparation for reading



Tracing letters

Reinforcing sounds
strengthening pencil grip



Early childhood

This week children 4-5 began quizzes on spelling. Our butterflies are learning new words and putting their handwriting skills to the tasks. The children are provided with a six-word list and at the end of the week the children take a quiz on the words reviewed during the week.



Sensorial *News*

RED RODS OBJECTIVES:

- To develop the child's visual and muscular perception of length.
- To develop the child's co-ordination of movement.
- To provide controlled experiences of seriation.
- To give the child basic language important in Math.
- Co-ordination, Balance, Concentration.

The children loved exploring the fall sensory bin. The textures and colors of pumpkins and pinecones added a new layer to a favorite activity. Scooping, and pouring also develop coordination and fine motor skills.

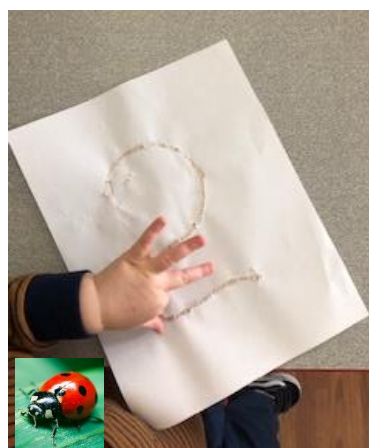
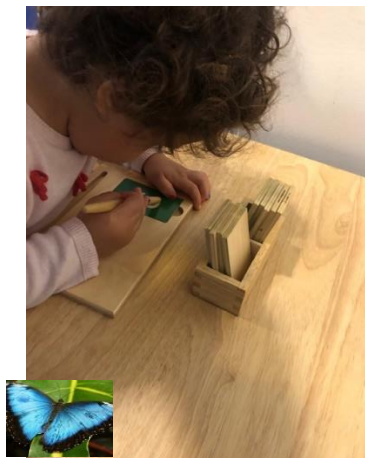


Seasonal leaves and other textural elements made the oil and water sensory bottles a big hit! The children enjoyed experimenting with shaking and rolling the bottles to see how the contents interact.

Math *News*

This week our butterflies worked on matching quantity to symbol using pinecones. Our children traced numbers using a pencil to enhance their pencil grip.

This week we have been making our own sandpaper numbers for 1, 2 and 3.





This week the early childhood children were introduced the South American continent.

Geography News



The ladybugs were introduced to the world map and examined the shape of the land and oceans.

Science News

Recycling

Our butterflies were busy this week learning the importance of recycling.

We also learned how to categorize plastic, compost, cardboard, and aluminum.



New Language Learned

Parts of a Leaf

- vein
- stipules
- petiole
- blade.

The children continued to focus on farm animals and the tools used for harvesting. They practiced picture to picture, and object to picture matching.



Parts of a leaf

This week we continued to learn about the parts of a leaf. The children used watercolor paint to color the different types of leaves.



STEAM @ LIBERTY MONTESSORI



Cubelets

Students worked with modular robotics sets to piece together robots that met the challenges of performing designated tasks.

(Don't tell them...they were playing.)



Workshop *News*

Yoga

As we all know, the beginning of the school year can be exciting, but it can also be a frightening time for some children. Yoga is designed to help the children to find comfort and develop self-confidence around others and in new environments.

Partner and group poses are designed to help the children develop confidence when interacting with other children. Calming breathing exercises bring a lot of benefits to the children. Some of the benefits include helping to reduce stress levels, manage their emotions as well as calming their minds.

Chess

Chess helps you concentrate. It's a reasonably long and involved game.

Chess develops problems solving skills. Chess improves your memory.

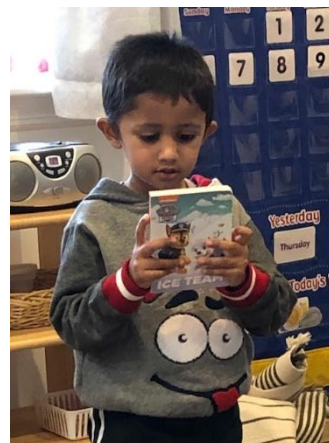
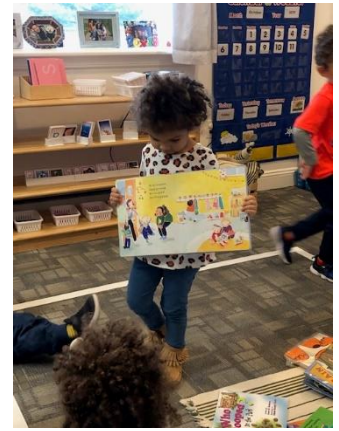
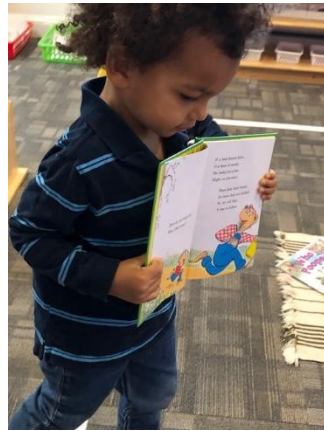
Playing chess eses both sides of your brain. Chess is a great 3D game and exercises both parts.





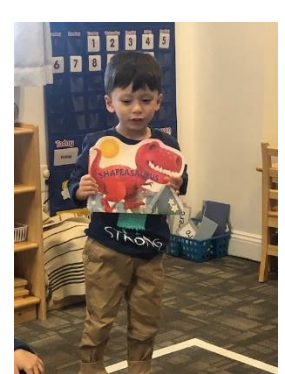
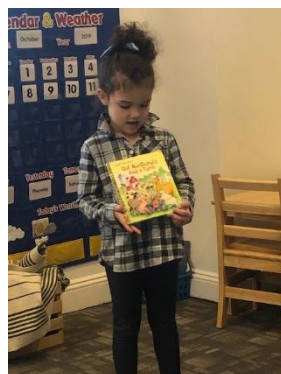
Show & Tell

On Friday October 18th for show and tell I brought my favorite book.



SPECIAL
MENTION: Today
for show & tell I
brought...

My
favorite
book. The
tittle of my
favorite
book is Old
Macdonald
had a Farm.



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

10/18 My favorite object.

2. FALL FESTIVAL

THURSDAY OCTOBER 31ST

The Butterfly and Ladybug classrooms will host their party with the parent provided materials requested on the sign-up sheet. The celebration is only for the children. The sign-up sheet will be on the door where you drop off your child in the morning for things to share with our class. Please feel free to sign up at drop off or pick up times. Keep in mind the total of children in your child's class.

We will begin our parade at approximately 4:00pm. For more details please refer to the email subject: **Fall festival Thursday October 31st**