



WELCOME TO OUR CLASSROOM

*Imagination does not become great until human beings,
given the courage and strength, use it to create.
---Maria Montessori---*

Happy Holidays

As another year comes to an end, we would like to thank our wonderful families for all their help and love towards our classroom and school. December brings to us the last month of the year and a lot of holiday preparation. The children had so much fun putting up the Christmas tree and decorating it. This special month we also talked about helping, sharing and we learned about holidays such as

Sinterklaas



Sinterklaas is one of the biggest holidays and celebrations in the Netherlands. Sinterklaas Eve is on December 5th. The children enjoyed baking Pepernoten. These are small, round and brown treats that are similar to cookies. They are popular treats the weeks leading up to Sinterklaas.

Sensorial materials

The purpose and aim of Sensorial work is for the child to get clear, conscious, information and to be able to then make classifications in his environment. Montessori believed that sensorial experiences began at birth. Through their senses, the child studies their environment. Through work with the sensorial materials, the child is given the keys to classifying the things around him, which leads to the child making their own experiences in their environment. Through the classification, the child is also offered the first steps in organizing their intelligence.

Montessori Christmas Tree



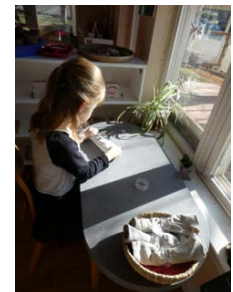
Made by using sensorial materials like:
Pink Tower
Red Rods
Knobless Cylinders and
Led Tealights

All of the material isolates the one quality that is to be worked with by the child. This allows the child to focus on that one quality. All of the materials have, what is called, a control of error. This calls to the child to make the corrections himself. All of the material is limited, refers to the fact that there is only one of each material in the environment. This calls for other students to build on their patience.

Some action pictures



Edith is squeezing oranges and making orange juice.



Geneva is rolling and unrolling napkins and putting a napkin ring around.



Adam is working with the magna tiles and bells.



Melia is making a drawing for Santa.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for 2023