



Dear Pollock Parents,

What a fun Pet Month we had in October! Pet month is an enjoyable time but also a very educational time for the children. They learn from a very young age not to fear anything or at least to how handle their fears. They learn about different kinds of pets and start making connections with what has been taught in the classroom in zoology. Thank you to all the families that took the time to share their special pet with the Pollock friends. We also had an on-site excursion with Seminole County Pet Adoption. The children learned about pet care and safety and that the most important thing that a shelter provides to the animals is love.

This month the children have started *Hablar Español*. We have a Spanish group time lesson every Friday morning for half an hour with the O'Keefe teacher Mrs. Amoroso, who is a native Spanish speaker from Mexico. The children really look forward to this time of the week and often ask "Is it Friday yet?" The children have learned about colors and numbers in Spanish.

In October we have been focusing on the continent of North America and its countries. By using the beautiful Montessori puzzle map, the children have a concrete understanding of the fact that they live in North America and in the United States of America at the same time! The children have also been introduced to their home biomes, the temperate and wetland biomes, through beautiful picture cards and puzzle maps. We have been studying the animals that live in our home continent and the importance of the Bald Eagle as a national symbol. In zoology, mammals and arachnids have been our main topic of discussion in the month of October.

Even though the children are always free to explore and study the continent, they are more interested in learning through the Montessori materials. Each month we will be focusing our attention on a specific continent. In order to make this a hands-on experience, we'd like to gather materials from the continent we are studying. **If you have any items that you think would enhance our continent study, could you please let our class borrow them?** We also welcome **guest speakers** who have travelled or lived in the

continent we are studying and anyone who has a folktale, or song to share. In November we will leave our home continent to explore Europe!

If you are an **artful parent** and you would like to volunteer in our class, please send us an email. We would like you to participate on a monthly basis and share with us your artful ideas! Also, if you are interested in being a **reading parent** and listen to our reading children read their books, please email the teachers at Pollock@lmma.net

We are looking forward to seeing you at Lend-A-Hand and Field Day!

Thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

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