



Dear Pollock Parents,

We'd like to thank you for the continuous support that you have all shown during conferences earlier this month. It was nice to see that you were all pleased with the progress that your children are making, socially and academically. We are very thankful to have you and your children as part of our lives.

November is the month that opens the doors to the holiday season: Thanksgiving, Diwali, Hanukkah, and Christmas just to mention a few. We are reading books on the theme of Thanksgiving daily and the children are acquiring a better understanding of the abstract concept of giving thanks. The children are enjoying sharing their thanks with their friends at group time – they are able to say the sweetest things. The children's favorite practical life work is Tweezing Corn. It requires so much patience and we are amazed to see the same child concentrating on this work for hours.

Group time is also sharing time when your child brings snack for the class. We would like to remind you that sharing time happens once a month for each child and changes according to the snack day you have been assigned. **This is an opportunity for sharing an experience or an item of interest (a souvenir from a vacation, an item from nature, etc.) Please keep toys at home.** Assist your child in participating in this activity by making suggestions of educational items and helping them with what they may choose to say. Each child may bring something or prepare to speak about something no more than once a month. Please, omit bringing a gallon of water – we have plenty!

This month we are learning about the Old Continent, **Europe**. We are learning about European landmarks. The children showed a bit of surprise when the teacher showed them the picture of the real Cinderella Castle in Germany - Neuschwanstein Castle. They are also having fun push pinning with a tiny Eiffel Tower. They love having lunch with traditional European songs in the background, each song in a different language. It is amazing how quickly they internalize new

sounds and try to reproduce them. This month we are also studying **fish**. We are focusing on the parts of the fish and their functions. We are letting the children's creativity produce the most beautiful fish using the Montessori triangle box.

Last but not least, we want to thank Andrew and Kendra Lott, Lucy's parents, for taking the time to organize International Day for your children. The play dough sushi was a great success and the children loved so much having a real Japanese snack with chopsticks – an unforgettable experience!

Thank you so much to Nadia Abdi, Zainab's and Taha's mom, Sabrina and Kenneth Ary, Kennedy's parents, and Jeff McKenna, Brooke's dad, for lending their hands to clean our classroom and the school. It means a lot to us.

Thank you to all of you who participated in Field Day, one of the children's favorite days of the year.

With Kindness,

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