

Duck Morning Notes, Nov 2018



Cultural study is an integral part of Montessori education. While learning continents and countries, we learn about cultures around the world, festivals and celebrations. Like every year, we will be celebrating Diwali, the festival of lights in the duck room. We will be making colorful Mandala artwork, playdough candles and henna art on hands. Along with other November crafts and activities, we will study continents in detail. Parent participation is encouraged, contributing to knowledge of a region of interest or origin.

In the duck room, children experience different sensory and practical life works each month depending on the season or unit of study. This month we bring a variety of works such as corn sensory bin, coffee grinding and corn picking, soap grating and various leaf crafts. This gives children a chance to work with materials picked directly from nature, some of them from our nature walks.

We have been practicing lacing, stringing, necklace making, and grid sewing. Button sewing is next, which requires a great deal of fine motor and it also teaches patience and concentration in young children. We will end the month with Thanksgiving celebration. A note will be posted explaining how we celebrate this holiday in our school.

“Free choice is one of the highest of all mental processes” -Maria Montessori

