

Dear Families,

Now that the Fall weather has arrived, the children are enjoying studying the Fall foliage. Younger children enjoy collecting leaves and sorting them by shape and color. Children are learning to identify the parts of the leaf: petiole, midrib, veins, blade and margin. They are also learning the names of different leaf shapes like linear, elliptical, reniform, and cordate. Children love examining the leaves on the plants in our classroom. If you have any plants growing at home (inside or outside) take some time to examine the leaves with your kiddos.

In the afternoon, the older children have been studying exploration. This week they studied the early explorers, including Bartolomeu Dias, Vasco da Gama, and Christopher Columbus. Montessori children have a wonderful advantage when studying these early explorers because they have spent so much time studying geography, even before they hear about such adventures. Kindergarteners can easily picture what it looks like to travel from Portugal to the tip of Africa. They have a good understanding of what continent they will run into depending on which way they begin their travels.

Important dates coming up:

Sunday, October 14th - Open House 1:00-3:30

Tuesday, October 16th - Our class picture day

Friday, October 26th - Grandparents' and Special Friends Day

- Fall Festival

- Movie Night

We celebrated **Aiden Martin's** and **Aron Howes'** birthdays. Happy Birthday!! The Charlton Family also welcomed a new baby boy this week. Welcome to the world to baby Aesa!

### **New Songs We Sang:**

*The Continents Song*

### **New Books We Read:**

Pumpkin Pumpkin by Jeanne Titherington

**Snack:** Pineapple, chips, salsa, bananas, yogurt, veggie straws, celery, cream cheese, raisins, carrots, graham crackers, cheese, Wheat Thins and apples. Thank you to the **Hightower Family** for bringing in snack, flowers, and disinfecting wipes this week!

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Dust and organize the moveable alphabet boxes

- Sign up to bake with the children [Baking Sign Up](#)

Sincerely,

Meg DeMato