

The Outside Environment

With the weather outside being so cold and wet during this time of year it's easy for us to want to be inside where it's warm and cozy. Sometimes we forget that daily life was first carried out in the outdoors, people coming into their homes for shelter from the elements outdoors. This is still the instinct of the child. In the first days of life, just a breath of fresh air and a look at the tree branches moving in the wind each day is sufficient; soon a daily walk in the baby stroller; and before you know it, walks led by the child, where each new thing- cracks in the sidewalk, parades of ants, puddles, brick walls, weeds and thistles- many details which we as adults overlook, will enchant the child and make a short walk into a wonderful discovery of the outside world. When we say to *give the world to the child*, this does not mean the inside of buildings, but weed patches, glorious sunrises and sunsets, the sounds of birds in the trees, the beautiful world of nature. So let's be reminded how wonderful a short 'walk in the park' can be to a child and bundle up with coats, hat and mittens and explore the wonder of the outdoors.

Celebration of Life~ Charlie Rose February 27

Valentine's Day~ We will celebrate on Friday, February 12th. Please send in your Valentine cards by Wednesday, February 10th.

School will be closed on Monday, February 15 for President's Day. We will also be closed on Friday, February 26; the teachers will be at a Montessori Conference.