



## Hello from the Ladybug room.

This month we welcomed two new students in our classroom Maxwell (Max) and Delia.

After so many days off because of the snow and ice storms children were excited to be back in school. Probably because they missed each other so much they chose to socially interact more by playing pretend games together, running and dancing on The Line, and observing each other's work.

We teachers strive to create a loving and peaceful environment. Children had Grace and Courtesy lessons on how to communicate in a positive way. They have been learning how to ask for permission, how to get something they want, and how to use their words instead of pushing, shoving, or whining.

We also want to build and maintain a beautiful and interesting environment for children to have many opportunities for learning and developing their skills. Maria Montessori said that "The environment must be rich in motives which lend interest to activity and invite the child to conduct his own experiences." Children are practicing how to handle the materials gently so they stay in good shape for the benefit of the whole classroom.

We wish you that the start of the year 2017 will take you closer to the attainment of your goals.

Hope this year is the best ever.

Monica and SueAnn.

Here is a glimpse of what the children have been working on lately:

**Asher** had new lessons on The Thermic Bottles, Color Boxes #1 and #2, The Sandpaper Globe and The Smelling Jars. He loves books and drawing with markers.

**Delia** loves to paint at the easel, play with the Stacking Dolls (Russian nesting dolls) and Play Dough. She had new lessons on The Cylinder Block #1, The Pink Tower, and The Brown Stair.

**Logan** enjoys Picture Cards, Sorting Buttons by color and size, Opening and Closing Containers, and to prepare freshly squeezed orange juice. He had new lessons on the Sound Boxes, Rainbow Noodles, and Color Mixing with Skittles and Water.

**Max** loves to play with the Dinosaurs and corresponding picture cards. Also enjoys painting, drawing and building structures for his dinosaurs using colored foam blocks. He loves to run on The Line and play with the other children in the classroom.

**Sage** has been doing Flower Arranging activity, Orange Juice Preparation, Yoga poses, work with picture cards about landmarks of the world, etc. He had a new lesson on The Thermic Bottles.

**Violet** loves to do Ballet on The Line, to play pretend games with the other children, and to observe other children work. She has been working with picture cards representing objects in the environment (she learned new vocabulary), stencils, and with an activity with tongs.