

The Blossom Newsletter

June 2011

Art

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The month of June proved to be a very busy time in the Blossom Art Room. The students put their finishing touches on their name banners and art work for the Open House. Adding glitter, pom-poms and other materials made our collages pop! We also embellished our free paint paintings with decorations.

After our work was complete, it was time to experiment and have some fun in the Art Room. The children were able to use a variety of materials including stamps, play dough, paint, shapes, paper, cardboard, oil pastels, crayons and colored pencils to create one-of-a-kind art work. They also helped get ready for summer camp by filling the Art Room and other places in the Blossom with paintings and collages using shapes and lines.



Here is Ms. Erica, setting up the Art Room for the Open House.

As some of you already know, I will be leaving the Seed at the end of the month. I want to take the opportunity to thank not only the teachers, but the students and parents for making this experience a memorable one. Everyone has been so supportive of me over the past five years. There are no words to describe how grateful I am for my time here. I will take all I've learned at the Seed and will use it in my new art classroom. I thank you for five wonderful years and hope whenever you see my orange Mini Cooper in Yorktown, you stop and say hello. I wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer. Thank you for the memories. I will cherish them always.

Ms. Erica



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Math

Thank you, everyone, for coming to the Open House and making it successful! I hope you visited the math corner which contained many displays of the math concepts your children worked on throughout the school year. The children worked very hard, and I am very proud of each and every one of them!

Congratulations to all the children on the great work they have done and all that they have learned! After our family day, we wrapped up all the work from the children throughout the year, and sent it all home.

Also, I would like to announce that Rachel Brooks and Jazmine Morales guessed the correct number of bears in the guessing jar. Congratulations!

Right now, we are spending most of our time outdoors and enjoying the warm/ beautiful weather!



Ms. Lily together with her family at the Open House

I would like to congratulate and wish the best of luck to all the children who are moving up to pre-k and kindergarten! Thanks again to all the families of our Seedlings for supporting the children and teachers. Have a healthy and safe summer!



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Ms. Dawn preparing for the Open House

Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Ruimin
Ruby
Alyssa
Cameron
Sara S.

The month of June has been a very interesting and eventful month. We have taken advantage of the good weather and, when possible, have gone outside for our Yoga and Movement time. We have done our favorite Yoga poses such as; tree, rock, tiger, telephone, cat and downward dog. We also tried some new poses the children have created using their imaginations, such as; cheese pose, super hero pose, ballerina pose, and dance pose. Outside we have also played our favorite games like Duck, Duck, Goose.

When the weather doesn't cooperate and we are inside for Yoga and Movement, the children have fun continuing to make letters using their bodies. One of their favorite words to create is YOGA. We also like to explore new ways of dancing and the children are working on creating their own dance routine. They work with a partner, on their own or with their friends to create a dance all their own. Then they can share it with the class. This strengthens their ability to plan out tasks, and it enhances their social skills by having them work together.

We have continued with meditation and the children are able to feel relaxed after a fun time in Yoga.



ESPAÑOL

In July our Spanish classes will be held outdoors. The children are going to search for flowers and insects, count them in Spanish, and recognize their colors and numbers in nature, under the sun!

Language Arts

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The month of June, has been very exciting and very busy! The children were hard at work in preparation of the Open House! They were so excited to show their families and friends all of the wonderful work and projects!

To end the school year, we have discovered fun ways to review the letters of the alphabet! The four oldest groups have really enjoyed a new game they learned called: "Go Fish". This game includes all the uppercase and lowercase letters. The children must patiently wait their turn and then ask a friend if they have a particular letter that would match either the upper or lower case letter they need to complete a match! The children had a great time learning all the rules of the game, and were excited when they completed a match! This particular game encourages and supports following directions, turn-taking and recognizing upper and lowercase letters.

The two youngest groups were asked to use the cards in a similar



Ms. Allison getting ready for Open House

way. They were given a task to find a particular letter and locate its lowercase match. The children had a fun time searching for all the letters and finding matches!

Another exciting activity we did to end the school year, was utilizing sand to write letters and our names! Everyone had a wonderful time using their pointer finger and creating their names and letters in the sand! It has been a fun and exciting year working with all the children in language arts class! The children have developed and learned so much in a short time! Have a safe and happy summer!



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Science

What a great month June has been in the Science Room!

The children had fun giving the last touches to their science experiments and actually demonstrating them during the Open House. That event helped everyone celebrate these young scientists' accomplishments, achieved by hard work, endless interest, and need to understand the world around them.

We are very proud of everything that has been achieved this school year in the science area. The children went above and beyond all expectations by learning, exploring, creating, sharing, and making science fun through their ideas and constant love for investigating.



We wish you all a wonderful and safe summer. Thank you very much for being with us this year. To those who are moving on, please know that you are invited to visit us any time. We hope to see you at next year's Family Day/Open House.



Ms. Ingrid in the middle of Open House setup

For those who will continue at The Seed, we are all eager for The Seed's Summer Camp at the Blossom. There are many summer science surprises prepared, and other fun daily activities, culminating in summer shows where the campers will enjoy showing you their favorite dances and singing their favorite songs. Get ready to be amazed!

