

St. John's Nursery School 2's Newsletter
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by
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Dear 2s Families,

Gilda and I enjoyed our conferences with you! Thank you for sharing stories with us - we love hearing what is relayed at home and what the children talk about. The 2s are magical!

It's been a fun-filled two weeks (minus two days of school) working on projects and enjoying the spring weather! We love looking around outside and noticing the changes that are happening in nature. Gilda and I really love seeing how much the children have grown over the past year! Hard to believe there are only about two months of time left with our 2s!





The highlight this week was the arrival of the caterpillars! It's exciting watching them grow and transform! In a few weeks, we will release the butterflies into the beautiful gardens of St. John's. We have lots of books about butterflies and a poster about the lifecycle of the butterfly: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis/cocoon...butterfly! The children had so much fun using magnifying glasses to look at the caterpillars and little things around the classroom.





We have been working on spring projects. We decorated tulips with tissue paper to brighten up our windows. We painted paper plates with turquoise paint and added three fish to swim in "Fish Bowls". We made caterpillars from popsicle sticks and pom poms that look very much like the beloved "very hungry caterpillar"! We scooped soil with spoons into cups and planted peppermint seeds. All the children planted their own and the cups are lined up on our windowsills. We talked about the things plants need to grow: soil, water, sunlight (and naps). Our Friday class painted a beautiful blue sky with light and dark blue paint.





Last week we celebrated Erin's birthday! Thank you for sharing "Angelina Ballerina" with us and for the delicious treats. Erin is happy to finally be 3 😊



Last week Ms. Ericka played some new games with both classes. She had buckets for rubber ducks to hide under and colorful rings to toss in the buckets (to practice los colores/colors). The children loved singing "Cinco Patitos/Five Little Ducks". She read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" to our Friday class (in Spanish of course) and the children took turns (if they wanted) hiding in el gusanito/caterpillar and then dancing like las mariposas/butterflies.





Ms. Melissa and Ms. Sue showed us some butterfly poses and we sang one of our favorite songs, "Fly like a Butterfly". Everyone is getting very good at Tree pose!



BOOKS:

Swimmy by Leo Lionni; *I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean* by Kevin Sherry; *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfizer, *The Tiny Seed* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle; *From Caterpillar to Butterfly* by Deborah Heiligman

REMINDERS:

*School will be closed on Monday and Tuesday April 22/23rd for Passover.

*Our Family Fun Day and children's art show will take place on **Sunday, May 5, 2024**. We are busy creating more artwork for you to see in our classroom. We do our best to create projects that the children do themselves - so that they learn and enjoy the process as well as the finished products.

