

May Newsletter PS2

April showers bring May flowers...or at least that's what we're hoping for! In April we were extremely busy learning about Community Helpers in our neighborhood. We learned about Recycling and where our garbage goes when it's picked up. We also made mail bags and wrote postcards that we mailed to our families while learning about Letter Carriers. Everyone loved learning about being a Nurse/ Veterinarian and a Zoo Keeper. We had a visit from a Ms. Heidi, a nurse who showed us some cool medical instruments. Ms. Andrea, a zoo keeper visited our class and shared pictures of the animals she takes care of. We loved asking her lots of questions. We enjoyed a trip to the Thayer Public Library and talked about what a librarian does. We also had a visit from Ms. Joyce who is a Graphic Designer for Curious George books. She showed us how she lays out the designs of the books. She also gave us Curious George tomato seeds to plant at home. While learning about teachers, Mr. John came in to visit our class. He helped us understand that even kids can be teachers and that a teacher is always learning and continues to share their knowledge. During Earth week we made very cool multi-layered books that illustrate the surface of our earth. We observed a 'water litter' experiment in which we filled a bucket with clean water to represent the ocean and then added trash. We watched as the water became dirty and un-safe for animals. We cleaned up trash outside and are getting ready to plant flowers and vegetables. While learning about Firefighters we visited the Braintree Fire Station. The children loved seeing inside the station and meeting all the firemen. We also had a visit from a K9 Police Officer. We all enjoyed seeing the beautiful dog- Dargo, and learned how he helps the police. The same week we also had a visit from an ambulance. It was helpful for the children to see what's inside and hear the siren so they won't be frightened if they even need to ride in one. In our dramatic play area, we had several different scenarios related to community helpers for the children to choose from. They would choose a card and have the teacher help them read it and then rearrange the area and use props to play out their scenario.

We'd like to thank all of our wonderful parents who volunteered to come visit our class.

The month of May brings us warmer weather and the thought of summer approaching. We will be learning about bugs, flowers and birds. We'll also have a week devoted to camping. We'll have a tent that we can use in the class as well as outside. We have a field trip to the Easton Children's Museum on May 5th so please be at BASE by 8:45AM. Have you dropped off your permission slip and \$5?

****Parent Conferences will be help on Monday, May 4th from 6:15- 8:00 p.m.

****End of The Year show is Thursday, June 11th 6:00-7:30 at the Sons of Italy.

Wish List

- Electric Pencil Sharpener for our room
- Any camping supplies that we can borrow for our dramatic play area

- . Any flowers or vegetable plants for our garden. We'd like to have these the week of May 4th.
- . Old National Geographic or other Wildlife magazines