

Class Parent Newsletter

Mrs. Taboada's Kindergarten, Room 222
March/April 2009



VOICE Charter School

Classroom Visits

The children celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 13th with a "visit" to Ireland. They listened to Irish music, danced the jig and ate Irish Soda bread with Aidan's mom, Mrs. Acosta.

Registered Nurse Cristina Boylan (Brendan's mom) visited the classroom on March 20th. The children learned about preventing illness and staying healthy.

If you would like to arrange a visit to share with the class your talents or culture, please contact Mrs. Taboada or the class parents.

Class Curriculum

In **writing workshop**, the children are working on their own "All About" books, which include diagrams, lists, and facts about such topics as "All About Me," "All About my Family," "All About Apples," etc.

Please encourage your child to read their "just right" books bravely by using his/her "magic bag of tricks" (strategies to become a better reader) that they have learned in class during **reading workshop**.

In **math** they are reviewing the numbers up to 20 and will soon begin their time unit.

In **social studies** the children are learning about their community and the different roles we play (firemen, police, doctors, nurses, teachers, librarians etc) to work together in a cooperative society.

In **science**, they are celebrating spring! They are learning about plants, flowers and vegetables and how they grow.

In **LEAP**, with Miss Ann, they are using art (creating puppets etc) to reinforce the literacy and foundations curriculum.

Bringing the Classroom Home

Books Mrs. Taboada suggests:

From Seed to Plant by Gail Gibbons

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle

Jack's Garden by Henry Cole

Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert

On the Town: A Community Adventure by Judith Casely

Richard Scarry books about community: (i.e. *What Do People Do All Day* OR *Busy, Busy Town*)



A Garden "Springs" to Life!



The children will celebrate Earth Day and Spring by creating a garden in the classroom on April 23rd. We will need volunteers to help plant our garden. We will also need donations of seeds and soil. More information will be sent home after Spring Break.

Dinosaur Search!

On February 2nd the children visited the dinosaurs at The American Museum of Natural History with Miss Ann. They became paleontologists and searched the museum for the three-horned Triceratops, the giant teeth of the Tyrannosaurus Rex and the spiked tail of the Stegosaurus. All had a great time!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27	Parenting Workshop #1 (<i>Spanish</i>)
April 9-19	Spring Break: SCHOOL CLOSED
April 22	Earth Day/Parenting Workshop #2 (<i>English</i>)
April 23	Spring Planting Day!
April 25	Noguchi Museum Family Reception & Picnic
May 1	Parenting Workshop #2 (<i>Spanish</i>)
May 20	School Picture Day

Mrs. Taboada would like everyone to:

Please remind your child that their "just right" book should be read at home and returned to school. If they are not bringing their book (in the plastic bag) back and forth, then they cannot take home any new books. You can replace lost bags with gallon-sized ziplock bags.

Mrs. Taboada's Wish List

Kleenex, Pencils, Dixie cups, Colored pencils.

"Lend-A-Plant": To support the science curriculum, please lend a potted plant for the class to study.

Mrs. Taboada thanks the parents of the following students for their generous donations & help in the classroom: Aidan Acosta, Brendan Boylan, Nakya Brown, Fiona Hodzic, Kiara-Yolie Idarraga, Samuel Lino, Adrian Rojas & Karma Wongmoo. And thank you for the mystery donations sent to the office!

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