

Classroom VI News

March 17, 2010

Yeah Spring!

We are so glad that it's finally beginning to warm up! Children may still need jackets or sweatshirts in the mornings, however, so please, please, please have them labeled with names or initials.

We will have small groups working in our Native Specimen Garden in the afternoons for the next couple of weeks. The children love contributing toward the common goal of making the garden beautiful for spring.

Bird News

For March, our "bird of the month" is the Hawk. We were surprised to know there were so many different types of hawk. Speaking of birds, we now have homes for three of the four baby zebra finches. We're still looking for 1 more home. Three is apparently a "crowd" and the poor baby is being picked on. Please help if you can!

Current studies:

We have returned back to Lexington from our "Trip Around the World." The children really enjoyed learning about all the different countries this year. At the time of our last letter, we were in Egypt. From there, we traveled to Uzbekistan, Philippines, Madagascar and New Zealand. We hope everyone has had a chance to peruse the cook book of yummy recipes we collected from each country. The third-years put a lot of thought and energy into this project and the whole class really appreciated their hard work.

Recently, we have been concentrating on communication. The children have learned their name in sign language and written it in Morse code and with nautical flags. Most are intending to hang their nautical flags so be prepared! From communication, we will progress into other fundamental needs that humans need for survival.

This coming Friday will be our third timed math facts quiz. Although many make a show of being nervous, they are all enjoying the timed tests. Although we have encouraged memorization of math facts, the tests serve as an incentive for them to learn their addition and multiplication tables and to have a taste of timed tests.

Thanks:

Thanks to all our drivers to Safety City and to Peter and the Wolf. We have another field trip on Monday, March 22. Thanks in advance to those offering to drive. We still need a few more drivers so please turn in your form if you can help.

Thanks to all who have brought in cell phones to be recycled. We are still a bit short of our goal of 100 but there's still time! The ending date of our drive is April 22 so keep them coming.

Upcoming:

Spring break is just around the corner. When we return from spring break, we'll start concentrating on Earth Day projects! 4-H camp is scheduled for April 29th and 30th.
Wow - Where has the year gone??

Enjoy the warmer weather - get outside and PLAY!

Amy and Mary