

Classroom VI News

February 4, 2010

Cold and Snowy Weather

It's *COLD* outside and, according to the groundhog, there are 6 more weeks of winter. Your child must have a coat! Also, all hats, coats, gloves, mittens, etc. **MUST** be labeled. We've taken numerous items to the Lost and Found because there was no name and the children did not recognize the item. Also, we have had several days where the children have been able to go outside and play in the snow. They must have appropriate clothing to play in the snow as they want to do.

Bird of the Month

For January, our "bird of the month" was the *Common Grackle*. We're all ready to learn about our February "bird of the month" - the *Penguin*.

Speaking of birds...

Flutter, the male zebra finch, asked Santa for a female to join him. When we came back from vacation, there was Peppermint - the perfect mate. The children were delighted to watch Flutter spent lots of time looking for yarn and string to prepare the nest for his love. And, we've been rewarded with baby finches! They are still in the nest but it won't be long before they'll be trying out their wings. We have a second cage now and will be separating the parents shortly so we don't become inundated with finches!

Current studies:

You may have heard about our "Trip Around the World." Each child has a passport which they "stamp" whenever we travel to another country. The third-years are travel agents and have planned the itinerary. They give the morning lesson for the country they have picked. And, to add spice to our studies, they are also bringing in food from the country for everyone to sample. Yum! Everyone is enjoying that part immensely! It's been a whirlwind tour so far - we've been to Guatemala, Peru, Italy, England and currently Egypt.

We have been working with Fish and Wildlife on our "Trout in the Classroom" project. Although all of our baby trout died over the holidays, another school donated fish so our third-year students are able to continue monitoring the conditions and feeding the fish. They are enjoying the responsibility and take pleasure in watching the growth process.

Upcoming Events:

We know you've seen mention of the Breakfast Café on Thursday, February 11. Please be sure your child is back in the classroom by 9:00 to begin work. Later that afternoon, we will be celebrating Valentines Day in our classroom. Each child will make his or her own "mailbox." Your child may bring in valentines to distribute to classmates. For a list of names, refer to your snack list or see Inside Providence on the web site.

Check your calendars to see if you can help drive for the events planned in March:

Monday March 15 - 2nd year students go to Safety City.

Wednesday, March 17 - Lower Elementary Classrooms will see Peter and the Wolf at the Singletary Center.

Monday, March 22 - Our classroom will visit the Living Arts and Science Center for the Architecture of Life hands-on Discovery Exhibit. More details about the exhibit will follow.

Reminders:

LABEL coats, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, etc.

Please remember to bring in your old cell phones for recycling.

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Amy and Mary