

Classroom IV Summer News

It's summer in classroom IV, and many pets are vacationing with our families. Binders the guinea pig is at the Radhakrishnans (in their new house), the turtle and one pair of finches are at Cynan's house, and Fluffy and Fudge, the other two guinea pigs, are at Caili's house. We thank those families very much for providing summer homes! The other finches, hermit crabs, and axolotls are in the classroom being cared for by the teachers.

The spring came and went so quickly that we have many people to offer belated thanks to for everything they do for our classroom and school. The simple machines (levers, pulleys, and planes) that students used to learn about work were loaned to us by Kelly Bradley, mother of Jamie. Earlier in the spring, Jen Pederson, Nathaniel's mother, borrowed a Germ Box from Central Baptist Hospital and over the course of several days, showed us how prevalent germs are, where they live in our classroom and on our bodies, and even how they grow! Jenny Collins, Michael's mom, helped students plant peas in our garden and we have been picking them- we froze some so that everyone can see and have some when we start school again. Thanks to Pete Harris, Caili's dad, who swapped out our old computer with a more modern one. And Drew Whitley's family has contributed many books for our shelves- thank you!

Kassidy Stumbo's dad Greg gave the class a wonderful tour of our state capitol, and also provided pictures of the event and commemorative certificates. And at the very end of the year, Elizabeth Ueland's family invited us to their farm for a wonderful day complete with scavenger hunt, marshmallow sculpture, visits with mother and baby horses, chickens, soccer, snacks, and fun!

Some of our students have been attending summer camp here at school and have been enjoying learning about Native Americans with Ms. McCarter, Asia and Oceana with Ms. Hunter and Mrs. Franklin, art projects with Mr. and Mrs. Martin, and gardening, plants, cooking and nature with Mrs. Burnes from the Lexington Arboretum. Ask them to tell about the water slide on the playground!

Mrs. Torabi has been traveling and promises to have lots to share from her journeys to Vermont and the Netherlands. We are already looking forward to the school year and have lots of interesting things planned. We have a new microscope that we're excited to use, new timelines to explore, and of course, new and interesting books!

Please look for your summer mailing packets and information about our classroom cleanup night- parents of new and returning families can meet, clean, and visit- we'll provide snacks and go over some classroom traditions and answer questions- don't miss it!

Enjoy the rest of the summer- it passes so quickly- and we'll see you in August!