

Dragonfly Spring News

Spring is in the air for the Dragonfly Room...blooming tulips in the yard, birds singing outside our window and the warmer weather. We have been observing and learning about the metamorphosis of ladybug larvae and caterpillars, now in the chrysalis stage. We planted a variety of vegetable seeds and watched them sprout in the classroom. Then transplanted them to the backyard garden where they will be cared for by the children. Bird viewing has been a popular interest as well. We have had a lot of activity at the feeder and the children are identifying them using the bird book. Earlier in the month we had a Young Audience show called Sisbro. The children experienced a life size whale shark as well as learning a lot about underwater marine life. We also got new pet red worms from Penny's mom. We will be feeding them our food scraps which they will break down the food and paper creating a beneficial compost for our garden. Each child got a pile of dirt loaded with insects and worms to dig through and examine. Below is more about what the individual children have been working on.



Blossoming trees in the play yard. The children are enjoying the new play structure.



Marcus turned 4-years-old on April 22.

We celebrated his birthday with his Grandma and his friends. Marcus and Isla enjoy each other's company and like to play with the farm animals.



Easter Celebration snack together. Eating the dyed eggs they made and bunny crackers. I did not tell them to make silly faces. They just naturally did that.



A friend helps Rory put his shoes on. Rory has been enjoying moving and balancing on the line to music.



Rowe washing an underlay after creating art with the pasting. Rory is preparing sliced bananas for the others.



Penny and Haley working on the teen numbers with the teens boards. They counted the beads and built the numbers with the numeral cards.



Rory is washing his own dish after snack. He had a lesson on squeezing out the sponge earlier in the morning. He practiced in the basin for several minutes.

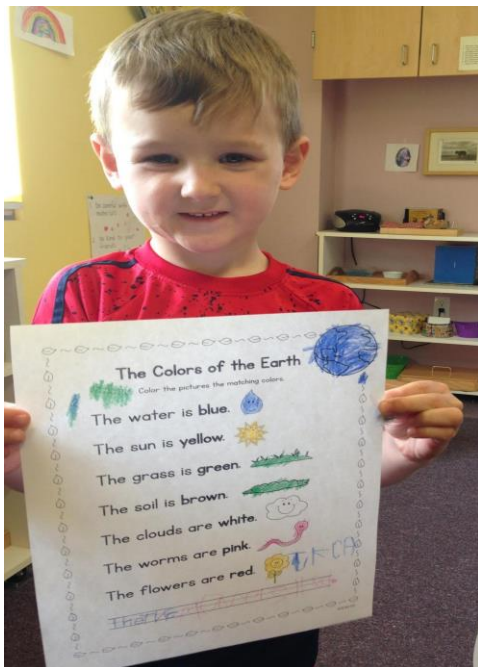


Lincoln washing a table.

This lesson has many steps and takes lots of concentration.]



Looking through the compost for insects, our new classroom pets. We now can compost our food scraps and shrink our garbage even more.



Some of Jack's work in honor of Earth Day. Jack also learned how to tie and bow. It is nice to have another helper to tie shoes for the others.



Rommel playing a friendly game of Jenga with his friend. Rom has been working hard on Multiplication, so it is nice to have a break sometimes.



Olivia working on writing.

She enjoys illustrating her words. (It must run in the family.)



Brayden sharing his bead stringing ability.
This is great preparation for sewing and aids in eye-hand coordination.



Rowe painting with spring colors at the easel.



Bennett and Jack washing the chalkboard together.



Bennett looking proud of his work counting and ordering numbers 1-10.



Nika and Haley are doing two person yoga.



Kori was excited to attempt the 100 board! She also counting the 100 chain, aka 10 squared.



Quinn and Isaac helped clean Ono's cage out back on a sunny afternoon. Every afternoon, the 5-year-olds help tidy, clean and straighten the room for the next day. I am so grateful for their dedication and respect for their environment.

