



APRIL (ABRIL) 2017 ENRICHMENT NEWSLETTER

Springtime (primavera) is always a welcoming sight. The sunshine lifts our spirits! We will go outside as much as possible. Please send your child to school prepared (coats, outdoor shoes, ect.).

Dr. Seuss: The letter "E" eggs, "G" green. The children enjoyed many Dr. Seuss books. While reading "Green Eggs and Ham", the children listened for the words "green eggs and ham" and marked their papers with green dots turning them into eggs. How many eggs did you count? We made scrambled green eggs and ham to taste. The children used an ABC parking lot mat to "park" their hot wheel cars on the correct letter after listening to the story "Go, Dog, Go". We extended the story "In A People House" by building houses. The children stacked cups and card stock to create their own houses. We even played an alphabet game after reading "Dr. Seuss ABC". Dr. Seuss is a great tool reinforcing rhyming words.

St. Patrick's Day: The letter "L" Leprechaun. What a wonderful opportunity to explore rainbows (arco). The children did many science experiments to find the color prisms. We learned about the order and colors of the rainbow, and even wore 3-D glasses to see the spectrums! We made rainbows with Fruit Loop cereal by sorting the colors and placing them in the correct order. Of course, we ate them too! It would not be St. Patrick's Day without the Leprechaun. We played many games in math by counting the gold coins from the pot of gold. We matched the lower and upper case coins and identified the sounds. We played a game by tossing colored lettered and numbered beanbags onto the correct color of the rainbow. In art the children made rainbows by weaving colored strips of paper through a cloud. The children had fun changing ordinary water to green by melting blue and yellow ice.

Lent/Easter: The letter "J" Jesus. The children learned that Jesus is in our hearts. The children painted rainbow hearts with crosses. We discussed how we could be helpful and kind. We brainstormed many vocabulary words to guide us through Lent. Every Monday and Tuesday during Lent we gather together in the atrium to sing and pray. We shared many Bible stories. We learned about Jesus and how He died for all of us, and how we should always have faith and trust in Him. The Wednesday afternoon children go to the Chapel in the Motherhouse to pray the Stations of the Cross. They made booklets and can "read" along as we pray. The children are excited about the Easter Bunny. We have gone on many egg hunts. We counted, tasted, sorted, and patterned with jellybeans and eggs.

The Thematic Unit for April is spring and weather.

HAPPY SPRING!

