

Mrs. Killinger's Weekly Newsletter

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Spring Holiday – Friday, April 15 – No School

May 23, 24, & 25 – Early Release Days

Last Day of School.- Wed., May 25

This week at a glance.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

We finished investigating "How can we reuse junk?" and started "How we can create less trash". We had great ideas about reusing our clothes that no longer fit. The children shared how they are usually put in boxes by you, then given away to other family members, friends, or places like "Good Will". We also had many ideas for reusing boxes, and bags. We enjoying hearing the children's ideas.

Social Emotional

We are now working on listening to what others have to say. We are reminded to use our senses and our whole body to listen. Then we reviewed back and forth talking. Having a good conversation is important to understanding each other and ourselves.

Music & Movement



We recycled Oatmeal cans and turned them into musical instruments, like drums and maracas. We danced with these along with ribbons and veils. We practiced our spring songs and introduced the "Bunny Hop". We are trying to follow the steps while dancing in a bunny train.

Letter Songs

We've learned our last new letter this week: Vv

Vv – "This is the way the vacuum cleans, the vacuum cleans, the vacuum cleans, this is the way the vacuum cleans, /v/, /v/, /v/, /v/, /v/, /v/!"

Action: pretend to vacuum a rug.

Letter Sound Study

After tracing the "Vv" we used a violet pencil to highlight the "Vv".

Now we are putting the finishing touches on the binder in hopes to send it home Wednesday. It is delicate and needs extra care carrying it.

Math



We introduced folder games with sequencing, sorting and matching. While playing these games in small group we practiced taking turns and having equal shares. The children quickly caught on to the rules and process. With the start of April we discussed the pattern of symbol used for marking each date. The children have decided on bunny, flower, flower, bunny flower, flower... This is called an a,b,b pattern.

Literacy



We introduced "Peter's Chair". It is about Peter growing up and handing down his baby things to his little sister. A great book for children to understand how to reuse things we do not use anymore. We reread "I Stink", "Don't Use It Reuse It", "The Adventures of Gary & Harry", "Something From Nothing", and "Hush! A Thai Lullaby". We were impressed that the children remembered many of the details and story line. Some other books we read were: "Honey Bunny", "Hello Bunny", "The Rain Came Down", "Holidays", "Here Comes Peter Rabbit".

We also used folder games during reading small group along with a chart game. These games concentrated on beginning sounds and rhyming words.

Sight Words



We continued to read rebus reading books that had the words: **a, the, & and**. This week we added the sight words **in** and **on**. As we read the children practice using their pointer finger to follow the words in the book.