

Parents,

Apologies if you are receiving this for the second time.

This week, we shifted our focus to community helpers (new calendar forthcoming). The children began to explore new items in our classroom like the construction zone sensory bin and the woodworking bench. New books about the important roles firefighters and doctors have in a community have piqued their interest and inspired them to delve into more dramatic play through dress-up.



On Thursday, members of the Winter Park Police Department visited school. They "swore in" our class, gave our friends police badges, talked about bike and car safety, and let us tour the back of one of their police cars.



We were also introduced to the new Outdoor Classroom set-up. Ms. Carol's new sensory structure was a big hit. Several friends "made lunch" and "baked cakes" there. The shallow dishes and spoons they used required a lot of scooping, leveling and balancing, working their fine motor, core strength and hand-eye coordination.



The mud kitchen is another sensory experience that allows them to get messy and creative. We overheard conversations about making mud muffins and how delicious they smelled. Spices are even available to give their creations some extra flavor. And, they put their math skills to good use when the time came to make more mud! Check out the Outdoor Classroom wrap-up, which is coming in a separate email. **Lastly, if you have expired spices at home, Ms. Carol will gladly take them off your hands. Feel free to send in your child's backpack.**





IMPORTANT DATES

3/13 Chapel

3/14 Art Fest a la Mode, 6-7:30 pm

3/15 Art Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser

3/15-3/22 Spring Break NO SCHOOL

3/27 Chapel

Thank you for snack, Riley! Marcus is our next helper!

Love,
Amanda and Caroline