



Weekly Newsletter

Ms. Emory & Ms. Gena's Pre-K Class

April 1 – 5, 2019

Looking Ahead:

Have any expired spices? Donate them to our Outdoor Classroom for mud kitchen play!

Livie: Snack Helper, week of 4/8

Sarah & Celine: Letter li Helpers, week of 4/8

Mud kitchen Tuesday, 4/9

Chapel Wednesday, 4/10, 9:15am

James: Snack Helper, week of 4/15

Field Trip to Central Florida Zoo Monday, 4/15: **An e-mail will additional details will be sent out a few days prior!**

Easter Celebration Thursday, 4/18: **Send in 12 stuffed plastic eggs by Wednesday, 4/17!**

No school Friday, 4/19 for Good Friday

School closed Monday, 4/29 & Tuesday, 4/30 for Parent Teacher Conferences

It was a busy week in room 206! Mr. B joined us as we began exploring the great outdoors. We worked our large muscles by performing butterfly yoga pose, balancing on blocks, dancing with bean bags, and bouncing on bubble wrap. Thank you to James and Penny for their brightly decorated Bb's, and thank you to Ollie for a bountiful snack bag!

Happy Campers

This week the children played a role in transforming our Dramatic Play Center into a campsite! Each day they were invited to create something new for our camping center, such as bugs, grass, and signs. As our week came to a close, we played a game by completing the sentence, "I'm going camping, and I'm going to bring..." while recalling what each friend had said previously. These activities not only built excitement and delayed gratification as the campsite won't be officially be ready to play in until Monday, but it gave the children a sense of ownership and pride over their play.



As we explore our camping theme, we will be investigating various bugs and plants! We began our week by reading Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and discussing the life cycle of a butterfly. Throughout the week we used props to retell the story and bring it to life. The children also built butterfly life cycles using pieces of pasta – an orzo "egg," a rotini "caterpillar," a shell "chrysalis" and a bowtie "butterfly." Acting out and illustrating the butterfly life cycle helped us to practice sequencing and placing object in order, which is a fundamental math and reading skill.

Letter Bb



Mr. B and his beautiful buttons brought lots of fun with butterflies, bugs, blocks, buttons, and bubbles! He also introduced us to a new puppet friend, Bob the Entomologist. We learned that an entomologist is a scientist who studies bugs, and this week Bob brought Bonnie the black beetle with him. Bonnie is a rhinoceros beetle; ask your child if he/she can remember any interesting facts about rhino beetles!

Snapshots

from our week

Happy Birthday to Jay and Celine!

Jay made a chocolate cake with chocolate icing, and Celine made a confetti cake with chocolate icing.



Petting zoo fun!



