



Newsletter

A Message From The President

There is nothing like emerging from a cold, dark winter into sunshine and flowers! We were spared from the snow-hammering this year, but the cold definitely slowed us down a bit. The cheer and liveliness of The Demarest Co-op during spring is always worth the wait.

The Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast begins a very special journey with our children. There is so much excitement that lies ahead during our final months of the 2015-2016 school year. Knowing this will be my family's last two months at the Co-op for a while, we will certainly be cherishing every moment - like the opportunity for our little shoppers to purchase gifts for Moms, Grandmas, and Aunts at our Mother's Day Boutique ... the celebration of families, old and new, at our Ice Cream Social and Tricky Tray,... and the best year end Music/Art Show a school could offer, with the world's best talent! The memories are priceless, and I cannot imagine better families to create them with.

Our Fundraising/Event team is very busy working on our Tricky Tray and Ice Cream Social, complete with a magician for entertainment. If you or a family/friend would like to make a donation for our Tricky Tray, please see Jonelle, as soon as possible. We are so excited to spend the evening of May 20 with you and will be planning to take home awesome prizes!

Please note that our Last Day of School has been adjusted to make-up for the cancelled school day in March. All 3's and 4's, regardless of your schedule, are invited to attend school on Friday, June 3.

Of course, the year would not be complete without our Family Picnic/Park Day. We look forward to spending a sunny, warm day in the company of our friends. All are invited!

--Stephanie

Upcoming Events/Fundraisers

- **Mr. Mark Visits the Co-op**
TBA (2's)
- **The Co-op Visits Mr. Mark**
Wednesday, May 11 (3's and 4's)
- **Mother's Day Boutique:**
TBA
- **Science with Mrs. Wonderwhy:**
Wednesday, May 4
- **Music with Music Lisa:**
2's & 4's – Tuesdays
3's – Wednesdays, Fridays
- **Demarest Co-op**
Ice Cream Social:
Friday, May 20
- **Music/Art Show:**
Thursday, June 2, 7:00 pm
- **Last Day of School:**
Friday, June 3 (3's and 4's)
- **Co-op Family Picnic:**
Monday, June 6

Important Reminders/Announcements:

- No School for Memorial Day - May 30.
- Last day of School CHANGE - Friday, June 3 (for ALL 3's and 4's students)



News from the 2's

The 2's started off March celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. We read One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. The children painted with blue tinted corn syrup and added different color fish to their fishbowl. After the fish were all in their bowls, the children added eyes and a smile to the fish. This immediately brought a smile to each of their faces. These fishbowls are displayed in our classroom. Next the kids made Cat in the Hat faces. Any craft with googly eyes is a fun craft to this class! To complete Dr. Seuss's birthday I made cupcakes and we sang Happy birthday!

With Easter being so close to St. Patrick's Day, there was only one day to do our St. Patrick's Day crafts. The children had fun painting with green peppers using green paint. Thank you to Christina for bringing the yummy rice crispy treats! Right after St. Patrick's Day was our egg hunt. The kids enjoyed hunting for their eggs and bubbles. They all were so good with counting their eggs and making sure then didn't take more than they were supposed to. They are really growing up! We read The Golden Egg by Margaret Wise Brown which is a really cute story.

Outragehiss Pets came on March 31. Miss Nicole brought Munchkin the chinchilla, Mr. Prickle Pants the hedgehog, Freddy the tree frog, and Marshmallow and Brownie the bunnies. The kids (and teachers too!) loved all the animals! Munchkin took a dust bath in her little gold bath tub. Freddy had super sticky feet! Mr. Prickle Pants was adorable but he had lots of spikes! The bunnies were very fluffy and hopping all over! I was lucky to be able to hold one of the bunnies and help Miss Nicole. I wanted to take the bunny home since he was so cute and cuddly! I asked the kids what animal was their favorite and here is what they told me: (Mimi went home sick and Raven was sick that day)

Colton- the hedgehog

Danica- the hedgehog

Everley- Marshmallow the bunny

Elle-the bunnies

Eli- the tree frog

Gio- Marshmallow the bunny

Matthew- the tree frog

Skylar- the tree frog

Sienna- the tree frog

As always, we thank you for sharing your amazing children with us!
Miss Christine, Miss Kim and Miss Maureen



News from the 3's

We have been extremely busy this month! We began the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. We had a very special visitor come to read *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* to us... Ava & Richie's big sister, Sophia. She even brought us a special snack of colored goldfish. We loved reading Dr. Seuss' *The Foot Book*. We traced our feet, measured things using our own feet, and we talked about where we want our feet to take us. Of course, we read *The Cat in the Hat*, and we discussed how important it is to tell our parents things and not keep secrets. (If you haven't read *The Cat in the Hat* in a while, that is the question that is raised at the end of the book.) We worked on our cutting skills quite a bit by cutting out Dr. Seuss book marks, puzzle pieces, as well as the red stripes for our "cat hats." We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday week by playing two fun games: Dr. Seuss Bingo and "Duck,Duck,Seuss."

We had fun learning about St. Patrick's Day. We painted shamrocks, decorated our pots of gold, and made our own leprechaun hats. The highlight of our celebration was cutting and preparing the fruit for our own fruit rainbows. Some of our friends sat for a long time cutting the fruit with their plastic knives; they were extremely focused. At snack time, we laid the fruit out on our rainbow placemats, carefully coordinating the fruit to the color. Then we had a taste test of all of the different kinds of fruit, and we put happy face stickers next to the picture of the fruit that we liked.

We were lucky to have both Mrs. Wonderwhy and Nature Mark come to visit us again this month. Nature Mark brought his friend, Broccoli (the bullfrog), to visit with us. He was so cool. He also brought in some baby frogs to show us. They are called tadpoles. We talked about how different tadpoles look from frogs. One of the tadpoles had started growing legs already! Mrs. Wonderwhy taught us about chemical reactions by "cooking" with us. We made chocolate chip oatmeal cookies, and they were delicious.

We had fun preparing for our spring egg hunt. We colored eggs by rolling them in shaving cream and paint. We worked on our counting skills by counting out colorful pasta wheels that we used to decorate our paper eggs. And we made and decorated our own baskets out of berry baskets for our in-school egg hunt. We absolutely loved watching Henrietta the Hen (a toy chicken) lay her eggs. She came with her very own storybook that taught us that if you have something good inside, you should share it.

We had a very special visitor on the last day of the month: Outragehiss Pets. Miss Nicole brought us four cool animals to share with us. Ande, the Chinchilla, was so cute when he cleaned himself by rolling in powder. He is named Ande because he comes from the Andes Mountains. Roxie, the Arctic Fox, was beautiful and white. She made a lot of noise in her cage because she wanted to come out and visit us. Carl, the Carpet Snake, was almost six feet long. We could feel his muscles moving in his body when we held him because he was squiggling and squirming. His skin felt cool (cold) and slightly bumpy. And last but not least, was Zachary, the Macaw, which is a kind of parrot. Miss Nicole tried to get him to talk to us, but he was shy.

The month ended on a bittersweet note because we had to say goodbye to one of our friends, April. She and her family moved to Pennsylvania. We re-read the book, *The Penguin and the Pinecone*, because it taught us a beautiful lesson: when we make friends, we keep them in our hearts even if they are far away. I was very moved when several of the children found baby pinecones on the playground and gave them to April as going-away presents. We truly have a special group of kids in our class. Thank you for sharing them with us.

~ Miss Lisa, Miss Christine and Miss Maureen



News from the 4's

March came in like a lion and never stopped roaring! We started the month of March by charting the weather each day. We had to decide whether it was a lion day or a lamb day. The children really enjoyed making predictions and seeing whether March would have more lion days or lamb days. The lion won!

On March 2nd we sang Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss. We read Green Eggs and Ham, The Cat in the Hat, and many more of his famous books. We made real green eggs and ham for snack. To my surprise many of the children tried and enjoyed green eggs while some said, "I DO NOT LIKE GREEN EGGS AND HAM." Did you know that we have over 60 Dr. Seuss books right in our own classroom library? Reading Dr. Seuss's books reminded us of how much we love to rhyme words. We did many rhyming activities.

Next we learned about the wind. We learned some fun facts about wind. We found out what wind is, what causes wind to blow, what a windstorm is, etc., etc. We made wind by using a fan and our own bodies. We had fun using pinwheels although some of us became very dizzy blowing so hard! We made wind blowers and danced with them to music. We also pretended to be kites floating through the air.

Saint Patrick's Day was so much fun! It's probably our most favorite holiday! We spent an entire morning making our Leprechaun traps and setting them up for the big catch. We baited them with pretend gold and beautiful green stones. Unfortunately, the leprechaun outsmarted us again! He left his footprints on our floor, a pair of his pants on a table, and a list of clues to find his gold. While we were searching for the gold throughout our school he snuck into our classroom. He took all of our gold, destroyed our traps and messed up the entire room. To make matters worse, he had the nerve to use our bathroom! There was green water in our toilet.

Since you find the Leprechaun's gold at the end of the rainbow we spent some time talking about rainbows. We had lots of fun making a group rainbow which is hanging in our hallway.

Before we knew it, Easter was here. We dyed real eggs and decorated pretend eggs with condensed milk and food coloring. The condensed milk paint makes the eggs very shiny. What makes this paint even more special is that you can TASTE IT! Our eggs looked so beautiful we decided to save them for the end of the year art show. For the spring party we made our own baskets using milk jugs. The bunny hid lots of eggs outside with clues in our school which led us to his outside hiding place. The hunt was so much fun. Our baskets were filled with all kinds of treats from the bunny, our teachers, and our friends. Needless to say our baskets were overflowing.

We ended the month talking about spring even though we saw snowflakes and ice! Outragehiss Pets came on the 30th and as always we loved all the special animals that came to our school. Most of us liked the fox best of all. Mrs. Wonder Why also made her monthly visit to our school. Science is the best!

It's hard to believe the school year is quickly coming to an end but, we still have a lot of fun events to look forward to in the month of May. The 4's have grown in leaps and bounds and they continue to amaze me each and every day with all they have learned in one short year. Miss Kim, Miss Beth, and myself are so proud of each and every one of them.