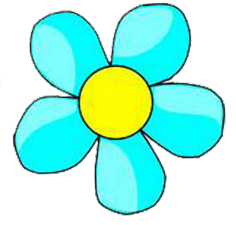


# Demarest Co-op News

## April 2017



### A Message from the Director and Teachers

It's hard to believe that the school year is quickly coming to an end. Where does the time go? All of our little friends have grown in so many ways and we are all so proud of their accomplishments. We look forward to another amazing school year, but we are very sad to have to say goodbye to our families that will be leaving us.

### Note from the President:

I can't believe April has come and gone and that we're halfway through May already! There are so many great things happening at the co-op in May! I hope to see you all at our Ice Cream Social/Tricky Tray on May 19th. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year! The kids always have such a blast and I know I look forward to the Tricky Tray portion of the night! Another thing I look forward to every year is the kids' Art & Music Show. My daughter has been practicing her songs non-stop (we even looked up one of the songs on YouTube to practice)! I can't wait to see her singing in the church with her classmates! Thank you as always for your continued generosity and support of our amazing school! Our school is so special because of families like yours!

- Christina

### Mark Your Calendar:

- May 15th - Tuition and info packets due!
- May 19th - Ice Cream Social/Tricky Tray 6:30pm
- May 26th - 4s Field Trip to the Closter Nature Center (9:15-10:15am - more info to follow)
- 3s Field Trip to the Closter Nature Center (10:15-11:15am - more info to follow)
- May 29th - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- May 30th - Nature Mark visits the 2s
- May 31st - Art & Music Show 7:00pm
- June 2nd - Last day of school (Family Picnic at Wakelee Field)
- June 5-9th,
- June 12-16th - Co-op Summer Camp! More info to follow!!



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## Miss Christine's 2s

We hopped right into April making polka dot bunnies for Easter! The children decorated their Easter bags. Each child loved going on the egg hunt to find treats. We gave them each a set of bunny ears and we had fun doing the "bunny pokey". At our Easter/Spring party the children painted paper eggs with roller balls and ate delicious cupcakes.

Now that spring has sprung, we took the snowflakes off our classroom tree and made beautiful watercolor flowers to replace the snow. We talked about how all the brown trees would start to bloom with flowers and leaves now that it was springtime. We read *Hamilton Duck*. It's a story about a duck that is so excited for spring. He takes a nap to wake up and find pink blossoms falling on his head. He thinks it's snow and is so sad. Then he realizes that it's not snow that's falling, but flower blossoms.

We talked about Earth Day and how to keep the earth clean by picking up your trash and throwing it in the trash can. We also talked about reusing different items such as the plastic water bottles we used to make the sensory bottles. They really loved adding their sparkles, glitter, rocks, and color to these bottles. Each child was so excited with their creation. We read some different books about where trash goes after it leaves the house, how to keep the beaches and parks clean, and to use shopping bags when going to the store. They had a lot to contribute about saving the earth! It was a great discussion!

Next, we moved on to Humpty Dumpty. They love the story of Humpty and help me tell it using the flannel board. I brought some eggs from home and drew Humpty faces on them. We built a wall and told the story to find out what exactly happened to Humpty when he fell. Miss Kim was able to "bandage" Humpty back together again when he fell off a low wall, but as it got taller, well Humpty didn't stand a chance! They loved making the wall taller and taller to see what would happen. We also had a surprise visit from Miss Stephanie's chicken, "Fuzzy". She brought "Fuzzy" into our class, we learned she was a hen, and heard her make all sorts of funny chicken noises! "Fuzzy" even let us pet her! What a fun surprise!

It's been a fun year and we have loved being part of your children's first school days. Thank you for sharing them with us!

- Miss Christine, Miss Kim, and Miss Maureen



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## Miss Lisa's 3s

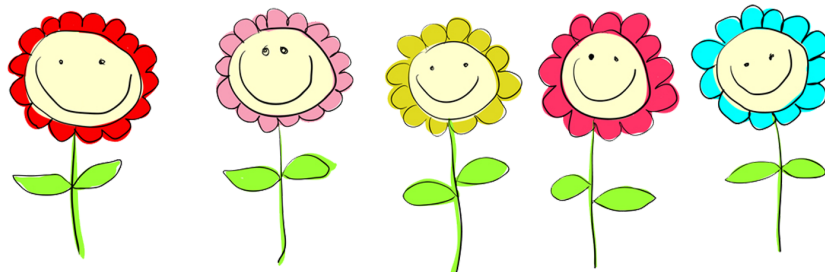
We began April getting ready for Easter with Miss Christine & Miss Maureen. We made adorable little chicks that were hanging in the hall. We had a lot of fun dying Easter eggs, and we also made beautiful giant marbled paper eggs with shaving cream and acrylic paint. We decorated bags to use for our in-school egg hunt in the church lounge. It was a very busy week!

Mrs. Wonderwhy came to visit, and she talked to us about recycling. She hosted the "Recycling Olympics" for us. She had made many kinds of games out of old milk jugs, water bottles, cartons, etc. We loved trying out each of the games. We continued with this theme when we learned about Earth Day (April 22nd). We talked about ways we can help save our Earth such as: turning the lights out when we leave a room, turn the water off when we are brushing our teeth, and "reducing, reusing and recycling." We were so excited to bring in some recyclables from home and sort them ourselves. We then took them and created a beautiful sculpture which we proudly displayed in the hall. We read a great book, *My Bag and Me*. The book explained to us that we should bring reusable bags to the grocery in order to help save our Earth by not using paper or plastic bags. Miss Lisa gave us our very own cloth bags to decorate and take to the grocery when we shop with Mom or Dad. We also "reused" giant pretzel containers as drums. We decorated them with glue and tissue paper, and when they dried, we paraded through Miss Laurie's classroom and down the hall to serenade Miss Trish in the office with our drums. (She loved it by the way.)

We are glad that the April showers are now over and we can look forward to the beautiful May flowers. Soon we will be getting our caterpillars and learning about their "metamorphosis."

Stay tuned...

- Miss Lisa, Miss Christine, & Miss Maureen



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## Miss Laurie's 4s

April showers bring May flowers! We started the first week of April talking about all the signs of spring. We have learned many fun spring songs, "When The Spring Comes Rolling In," "The Little White Duck," "Five Little Speckled Frogs," "The Color Song," and "I'm Bringing Home A Baby Bumble Bee." We really enjoy singing these songs. Every time we walk to the playground we notice another change outside that reminds us that spring has finally sprung!

We learned all about plants and how they need soil, water, and sun to grow. Our favorite activity was to act out the life cycle of a plant. Miss Laurie sprayed us with real water so we could grow into beautiful flowers! Our favorite story was *The Carrot Seed*, by Ruth Krauss. We planted carrot seeds to take home. We also did a science experiment with Miss Lisa to see how plants drink water using celery stalks and colored water.

Before we knew it Easter and Passover were here. We dyed real eggs and decorated pretend eggs using condensed milk and food coloring. We were able to taste the paint!!!! We made our own Easter baskets, had the best Easter egg hunt ever, and got amazing goodies from the Bunny. We also talked about Passover and had Matzah with butter for our snack.

April 22nd was Earth Day! Mrs. Wonderwhy came and taught us about recycling. She made amazing games for us to play using all recycled material. In our classroom, we spoke about the three "R" words: REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE. We learned how to separate all types of recyclables so we can help keep our planet earth clean! We used all our recyclables to make an awesome sculpture.

We have started practicing for our Music Show and are working very hard to make it a special night for our families. We are looking forward to a visit at the end of May to the Closter Nature Center. It is always an amazing trip! Our caterpillars have also arrived and we will be busy watching the changes that occur each day until they become butterflies!

In the month of May we will be talking about frogs, bugs, and other pond creatures. There are still so many things we want to learn, but the end of the year is coming too quickly!!!!



Happy Spring To All!

- Miss Laurie, Miss Kim, & Miss Beth