



Demarest Co-op News

March 2017



Note from the President

I hope everyone is enjoying their Spring Break! The weather is supposed to be gorgeous this week (finally)! Thank you so much to everyone who came out for our Easter Egg Hunt. The kids were so cute with their bunny ears and determined faces as they ran off to find eggs!

I'm happy to announce that all three of our classes are all filled for the 2017-2018 school year (in record time too)! Thank you to the families who recommended the Demarest Co-op to their friends and family. It's the testimonials from wonderful families like you that continue to make our school so special! Information packets for the 2017-2018 school year will be sent out by the end of the month.

It's yearbook time! Miss Maureen will be organizing our beautiful yearbook again this year. Take a look through the pictures you've taken at school events this year and consider sharing them in our yearbook! Pictures can be given to Miss Maureen via e-mail, flashdrive or CD.

See you soon!

- Christina



Reminder:

Monday, May 15th
First Tuition Payment for
the 2017-2018 School Year Due

Save the Date:

Friday, May 19th
Ice Cream Social/Tricky Tray

Wednesday, May 31st
3s & 4s Art and Music Show

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Miss Christine's 2s

We started off March by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. The favorite story by Dr. Seuss that we read was *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*. This is a fun story with lots of rhymes. This class loves making pictures with handprints, so we made handprint fish in a fishbowl to go along with the story. They also had fun matching numbered fish to the correct number in the fishbowl. The class did so well with their numbers and each child was so proud of themselves for completing the project.

Nature Mark visited twice and brought a nature friend with him each time. First he brought "Latke" the turtle. The kids each got a chance to pet the turtle, learn what turtles like to eat, and where they live. We got to see Latke pop his head in and out of his shell and look around at them. Next, Mark brought "Spring Roll" the ferret. Spring Roll was very active and cute and loved to entertain the kids. Mark would pretend it was time for Spring Roll to take his nap and rock him to sleep. Spring Roll was never ready for a nap and would find a way to squirm away. The kids were squealing with delight as Mark would "pretend" Spring Roll was sleeping, but he really escaped and ran away. It was very entertaining and the kids loved it! This class really loves when Nature Mark comes to visit.

We had our St. Patrick's Day party and celebrated Rafay's birthday. The kids found it especially funny to find Leprechaun pants hanging on our drying line in the class. We told them that the little leprechaun must have lost his pants running around our classroom at night. He was looking for his pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!

Outragehiss Pets came to visit our class and brought some very fun animals. There was "Munchkin" the chinchilla, "Hopper" the tree frog, "Spike" the hedgehog, and "Fluffernutter" the bunny. Each animal was so fun and entertaining. The chinchilla took a dust bath in a little bathtub, the hedgehog was curled up in a ball and felt prickly when touched, the bunny was so fluffy, and the tree frog had sticky feet!

We took a survey of the kids' favorite animal and here's what they said:

Marcus, Bode and Charlotte- Hopper the tree frog

Carys and Isabel- Spike the hedgehog

Ava, Aiden, Harper and Dylan – Fluffernutter the bunny

Luke- I loved every animal!

As always, thank you for sharing your amazing children with us!

- Miss Christine, Miss Kim and Miss Maureen

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Miss Lisa's 3s

We began our month celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. Thanks so much to Andrea & Elena for the delicious Dr. Seuss birthday treats. We learned that Dr. Seuss is "the man who writes these great books, not the Cat in the Hat, himself." We loved bringing in our favorite Dr. Seuss books and sharing them with each other. We worked on our cutting skills by cutting the red stripes for our Cat in the Hat hats, and we read several Dr. Seuss books including, *Hop on Pop*, *One Fish Two Fish...* and *Green Eggs and Ham*. After reading *The Foot Book*, we followed up by tracing our feet, measuring things with our feet, and telling Miss Lisa where we would like our feet to take us.

Mrs. Wonderwhy came to see us and she taught us about eating healthy food. She gave us each a puppet and had us feed it healthy food and encourage the puppet to eat new foods. (Hopefully this idea will rub off on some of us.)

We read a very special book called, *Elmer*, by David McKee. It taught us that we should celebrate our differences, and we can be good friends with others who look or act differently than we do. We created our own "Elmers" which have been decorating our hall at school.

We had fun making our leprechaun hats and playing "Hide the Leprechaun." We were very proud of the beautiful rainbow mobiles that we made. We painted rainbows with cotton balls and made rainbows at our play-doh table out of pipe cleaners. We had a great time playing the "Fruit Rainbow Game," but we had the most fun making and eating our fruit rainbows. We all worked very hard cutting and preparing the fruit ourselves. At snack time, we laid out the fruit onto our rainbow placemats before we gobbled them up.

We had a very special visitor this month, Outragehiss Pets. We were introduced to Rex, the baby alligator; Hamlet, the pig; Penny, the wallaby and Buster, the carpet python. Most of us enjoyed meeting the animals and learning about them. Unfortunately, some of us weren't too sure about the alligator and the python. (Next year, we will have to request some cute and cuddly animals.)

Spring has finally "sprung," and we are looking forward to learning about all of the fun things associated with the season.

Enjoy your spring break!

- Miss Lisa, Miss Christine & Miss Maureen

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Miss Laurie's 4s

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 lamb day. The 4s love making predictions!

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 and ham! Reading Dr. Seuss' books reminded us of how much we love to rhyme words. We also counted how many Dr. Seuss books we have in our school library. Believe it or not we have over 40!

Before we knew it, we were celebrating one of our favorite holidays...Saint Patrick's Day!!!! We had so much fun making leprechaun traps and setting them up for the big catch. We baited them with pretend gold. Unfortunately, the leprechaun outsmarted us again! He left his footprints on the 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 the entire school, he snuck into our classroom. Needless to say, he made quite a mess. To make matters worse, he used our bathroom and left green water in the toilet!

Since you find the leprechaun's gold at the end of the rainbow, we spent some time talking about rainbows. The book, *What is a Rainbow*, taught us so much. We had lots of fun making a group rainbow that is hanging in our hallway.

We are ending the month with Easter and Passover! We are very excited that the Easter bunny will be visiting us soon!

Happy Spring to all!

- Miss Laurie, Miss Kim, Miss Beth and Miss Lisa



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