



Dear O'Keeffe Parents,

This month we returned to study the North America Continent and our favorite country the United States. The children have been tracing the state maps, learning about animals in North America, and facts about our presidents. Ask them who was the first President? We have also been coloring our flag and learning the pledge of allegiance.

In Practical life we did carrot peeling and in Botany we have had so much fun watching our bean sprouts! In Math the children have been learning how to measure by recording the dimensions of the brown stair. The pre kindergarten friends have also started their 45 layout and multiplication work. In Sensorial the children continue to cut out triangles and pentagons to make beautiful collages. The primary friends have loved learning how to make the maize with the red rods.

In Spanish we are learning the Spanish version of Itsi Bitsi spider song and the calendar.

In Music we have continued to work with our new Musikgarten instruments. The children have been playing instruments every day, such as the resonator bars, xylophones, shakers and sticks. We have also been listening to music from the 1950's and 1960's. Most fun is the States and Capitals song which the children love marching and singing to. In the playground we have been blowing bubbles and playing games to welcome summer!

We hope that you enjoyed your Mother's Day and the beautiful gifts the children made, and thank you to all who made our teacher appreciation day so special. We wish you all a very happy summer and hope that you share many cherished moments with your wonderful children. Thank you for a great year!

Kindergarten Focus

Kindergarten pod has come to an end. We erupted the volcano, which, as always was a hit. ☺ We finished off the math pod learning about money and have also had a few social studies Pods where we have learned about America and our flag. For Language Pod we have worked on punctuation and capital letters. They have also been introduced to the grammar symbols they will be using in their elementary classes.

We have loved watching our Kindergarteners grow and learn over the years. This is a bitter sweet time for us as we prepare to say goodbye. Although we will miss them, we know they are ready for bigger and better things.

By the end of May all of our kindergarteners will have visited the first grade. They are excited to move on. Don't worry parents, we will make sure the transition is smooth and you will have happy FIRST graders! ☺

With Kindness,

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