



Happy Chinese New Year to our O'Keeffe families.

Thank you to the Oetjen family for their time and devotion toward making the celebration an awesome success! We made paper lanterns, tasted some unique dishes and shared great stories.

A special thank you to all of our class volunteers, readers and art helpers. We truly appreciate your time, if only for an hour, it makes such a difference!

This has also been a time for celebration as many of our friends have had their birthday walks. How beautiful and handsome they looked on their special days – we are so proud of them! Also, welcome to our new friend Padma who has joined the O'Keeffe class.

**In Culture**, we began studying the European continent. We have learned about different countries such as Switzerland, Germany, The Netherlands, Ireland, and Great Britain. We learned about the weather and animals in Europe, and the older children traced beautiful maps. The children have also push pinned shamrocks and tulips, which gives them practice on their fine motor skills, as they learn about European culture.

**In Spanish**, the children continue studying the numbers up to twenty along with the colors and body parts.

**In Language**, our pre- Kindergarten friends and Kindergarten friends have been very busy with the blue and green reading series. In Math the younger friends are focusing on simple addition and subtraction, and the older friends on multiplication.

**In Practical Life**, we have a new polishing work, and in **Sensorial** we have been tracing and learning the names of geometric shapes. **In Music**, the children have loved playing sound bingo, during which they match sounds in the environment with their corresponding pictures. We have also listened and danced to Irish and English traditional folk songs.

**In Art**, the children have been very busy working on their masterpieces, which will be exhibited at our Art show. We would give you more details, but you have to attend, and are guaranteed to be surprised! See you there!

## Kindergarten Language POD

In Language: We are teaching the children about compound words. They are having lessons on capital letters and we are learning how to form the letters, when to use the capital and when not to use the capital letter. In our writing, we are teaching the children about punctuation marks. They will learn about a period and question mark, how to use in their writing and how to use their voice inflection when reading.

In Math: We have practiced with clocks and recorded in our time journals. So we will move on from time to counting money. The children will learn currency and its value.

In Handwriting: Book POD is now the handwriting POD. We are focusing on proper pencil grip and the correct way to form words.

In Science: 3...2...1... Blast Off! We are starting our unit on space. The kindergarteners will be studying the sun, planets, and other objects in the sky. What is your child's favorite planet?

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