

# GIRAFFE APRIL NEWSLETTER

## THANK YOU TO:

Colin for the yummy birthday snack  
Dr. Liliana, the dentist for teaching us proper teeth brushing techniques  
Gretchen L., Jennifer W., and Sissi O. for reading to us  
Teacher Pat for sharing creative movement and songs with us  
Mary Wood and Victoria Luzarraga for making playdough for us  
Everyone that attended the TPO fundraiser. It was a wonderful event!  
High Tech High Touch Science program

## THE MYSTERY BAG

Each child in the Giraffe room is having an opportunity to take the bag home, fill and return it to school with three written clues. At circle time, the clues are shared, and the children raise their hand to take a guess at what is in the bag. Everyone gets a turn. So far it has been great fun to listen and guess what is in the bag.

Even though we had several snow days during the month of March, we managed to make it feel warm and inviting in our classroom. We took a trip to the ocean and made all kinds of discoveries. We created a beach and swimming area, equipped with boogie boards, bathing suits, beach towels and floaties. We used nets to catch fish in the water table and moved boats through the rocky waves in the block area. For a backdrop, we painted on bubble wrap and made a print with it on paper. We used Unifix cubes, and rulers to count and measure a variety of undersea creatures. We noted which one was the largest and which one was the smallest. At circle time we practiced the rhyming song "Down by the Bay" and played the game "What's Missing?" with a variety of ocean animals. We pretended to be fish, blew bubbles with wands and soapy water, created sharks from toilet paper tubes, and carefully filled bottles with oil, water and sparkles to make an "Ocean in a Bottle".

During our unit, the children also helped to make the beautiful class collage for the TPO fundraiser. Many of the children contributed by decorating little squares of paper and gluing little photos of themselves to the paper.

While the snow was on the ground, we brought a bucket and clothesline to the playground. We tied the line to the bucket and secured it over the monkey bars. The children filled the bucket with snow and then pulled on the clothesline to raise the bucket, and then let it drop to the ground. It was great to see curiosity and cooperation amongst the group.

## **Favorite Songs and Books**

"Down by the Bay" a rhyming song, Raffi, "Bubble Bubble Bubble Pop" song

"Slippery Fish" Charlotte Diamond

The Pout Pout Fish by D. Diesen, Surfer Chick by K. Dempsey, Swimmy by L. Lionni,

Wake Up It's Spring by L. Ernst

"Four Little Seashells Sitting by the Shore" poem

Spanish words: oceano for ocean Spanish song: "Mi cuerpo hace musica" my body makes music