

# GIRAFFE MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER 2018

THANK YOU EVERYONE for the beautiful flower arrangements, cards and notes during teacher appreciation week! We loved them 😊

## THANK YOU TO:

*Our play dough makers: Kate A., Erin N., Stuti B. Victoria for the delicious birthday snack.*  
*Our guest reader: Anneliese's mom Nicole E. Katy M. for her masterful story telling*  
*Teacher Pat for sharing her songs about Hawaii*  
*Julia H. for joining us for five weeks as a high school intern*  
*Our fabulous room parents: Kate A. and Nicole E.*

Congratulations to Anneliese and her family on the birth of her new baby brother born May 1, 2018  
Welcome Colin H.

Giraffe Family Breakfast

Thursday, June 14, 2018

8:00-9:00 a.m.

TCW playground (weather permitting)

If it rains it will be in the classroom

All family members are welcome.

Help us make our end of year breakfast a success! Please sign up to bring food, drinks or paper goods. The list will be available starting June 6. It will be in the classroom by the parent mailboxes.

Thank You so much!!

There is so much to talk about when it comes to learning about the seasons. Spring helped us realize that it is a time of new beginnings, and a chance to enjoy nature together. We put away our winter gear, put on our sun- screen and got our hands into the dirt to plant seeds. We grew sunflowers for Mother's Day, and pea plants and nasturtiums for the garden beds on the playground. We got very excited about rainbows, flowers, bugs, and butterflies so we wove them throughout our curriculum. We extended our play outside, with binoculars, bug catchers, and a backpack filled with books, markers and clipboards so the children could sit in the shade to read and draw. In the classroom we tasted honey made from bees, played Hoot Owl Hoot board game, and prepared and ate rainbow fruit salad for snack. In Dramatic play the children had time to participate in "spring" cleaning activities using mini brooms, dust pans, and spray bottles. We learned about the life cycle of a butterfly, and we successfully raised five larvae that grew and changed into butterflies. It was a wonderful experience for everyone. In the end we did let them go outside. We learned a special poem for Mother's Day which we recited in Spanish together, as well as many books, music and songs we enjoyed together. Springtime offers so many hands-on STEAM related activities. It is so much fun!

## FAVORITE BOOKS, SONGS AND YOGA

Poppleton in Spring by C. Rylant, The Very Hungry Caterpillar by E. Carle, The Grouchy Ladybug by E. Carle, Elmer and the Butterfly by D. McKee, Fill a bucket: a guide to daily happiness for young children by C.

McCloud

"S.P.R.I.N.G." song, "Butterfly Song", "Here is the beehive" finger play, Butterfly yoga

Spanish: La Oruga Muy Hambrienta by E. Carle, Buenas Noches Gorila by P. Rathman