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Seed Art Silent Auction

Check out the collection of AMAZING art produced by the kids and staff. Bidding will go on all week and will culminate at the picnic on Saturday. All funds will benefit the capital improvement fund, which translates to upgrading the parking lot this year.

All-School Picnic

This year's Spring Picnic blossoms on the playground this Saturday from 11-2. Please join us and enjoy pot luck, face painting, bubbles, a drum circle and a Scottish country dance demonstration led by the Mohnach family. Bring all food items to the picnic tables in the multipurpose room. It's been helpful in the past to have foods labeled for dietary needs. The Seed Art Auction will also be displayed in the multi. Be sure to stick around if you would like to get in any last-minute bidding! If you would like to volunteer, please email Kevin at kveillette@me.com. We hope to see you there!

Staff Changes

Due to various staff situations, we've recently rearranged placement of some of our staff. Tatiana has decided to stay at home with her new baby Isabel, so Danielle, who has already been subbing in the PreK, will remain there for the rest of the year. Jessie Coyle, who has been subbing for Danielle in the Toddler 1s, will remain in that class for the rest of the year and into the summer and fall. Thanks to everyone for your flexibility.

Date Night Opportunity

On April 15th the 3rd/4th graders and Aimee will be offering another date night opportunity for parents as a fundraiser for their graduation trip. Make sure you sign up if you want to participate. This is a great way to support the soon-to-be Seed graduates.

Spanish News

In the toddler and preschool classes we've been playing games, singing and learning

vocabulary associated with different content studies. In the PreK class students are finishing up their box houses and learning a game to take home and teach family members. The K-1 class has been working on reading and writing simple phrases and will start learning vocabulary about home life. First and second graders received a letter from their Head Start pen pals inviting them to come back and visit. We're planning a field trip for the end of April and there will be a sign-up sheet for drivers soon! 3rd and 4th graders have finished filming their presentations. Next we'll work on our end-of-the-year restaurant.

Toddler 1s

Sarah/Meryl/Jessie

The work in the garden has begun. Last week, our class met up with Aimee and her 3rd and 4th graders so they could help us dig, water, and spread our soil in preparation for planting. We hope you'll enjoy the artwork created by our students. Many hours of painting, cutting and gluing took place. This week we will continue to work in our garden as well as begin to explore the many items used for gardening. We hope to see everyone at the picnic this Saturday. Bring a blanket, lawn chair or beach towel to sit on. The sign-up sheet is in the hall on our dry erase board.

Toddler 2s

Jamie/Lyndsy

Each of our toddlers played their part in creating our silent auction art pieces. The four art pieces reflect our most recent study and four of our favorite dinosaurs. We are all really proud of how they turned out! We used our imaginations while we built cars out of fan

blocks, played with the doll house toys in the water table, and drove mini plastic bugs around in cars and airplanes. We are potty training machines! Congratulations to all of our newly potty trained toddlers. You did it!

Preschool 2.5s/3s Carly/Emily

I wanted to thank Stephanie and Emily for stepping up for me while I was out sick all week. They did a fantastic job! The class was full of art as the children worked on their auction pieces, goldfish art, and painted bricks in the back area. Throughout our ocean study, they have been working on a science log, including observations of actual turtles! In the next two weeks, we will be finishing our study of the book, Way Down Deep In The Deep Blue Sea, by Jan Peck and then the class will decide where they want to take the ocean study next.

Preschool 3s Kevin/Katie

Our week starts with another exciting art masterpiece. Iris, Ryan's mom, leads a lesson on impressionism with a twist. Students will use many types of paint, textured classroom and found objects and the sun to create their own impressions upon rice paper. Keep an eye out for the students' cityscapes, along with their license plates and cars they designed. Please be sure to sign up to bring food for the picnic. No need to bring lunches on Friday--Anabelle's parents are bringing pizza for lunch to celebrate their daughter's fourth birthday.

Preschool 4s Deb/Billie

In recent weeks, the preschoolers turned ties into snakes, twigs into insects and painted with rollers and textured implements for our rain forest mural. Amazon presentations just keep getting better. Ilycia mastered a bit of stage fright and gave an informative presentation on the largest rodent in the world, the capybara. Lexi Bella, decked out in spots, a matching bow told us all about jaguars. Jack explained the hunting habits of the giant tarantula of the Amazon and Tavi discussed the leaf cutter ant. In between presentations, we've be crafting art for the Spring Auction and building a rain forest in circle. Thanks to everyone who bought books for the classroom library.

PreK Emily/Danielle

Sizzling onions mixed with garden chard, oregano and student-chopped tomatoes filled the PreK with the smell of lasagna. We ate our pasta after a day of diet discussions: what do zoo animals eat? Later in the week we categorized animals into groups: herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. Math gave us a chance to write our own animal story problems, and play pals helped us add more to a zoo scene building on the wall above our circle. This week we look forward to hearing individual student presentations on their own zoo animals, and illustrating our story, "Welcome to the Zoo."

K-1 Kerri/Michelle

Wooden houses are currently under construction in our classroom. Originally these birdhouse look-alikes were tagged as part of the annual art auction but each dwelling has a great personal attachment to the individual homeowner. Therefore, we decided that each house will be on display and then the original architect will take his/her piece home to live happily ever after. This week, we will use glue and cardboard to attempt group construction of a pueblo village. Individual animal habitat science projects are underway at home as well. Subtraction and symmetry projects are planned for math, while new reading panels also begin this week.

1st/2nd Grades Becky/Dina

The children have been very busy writing. They will each have a story published very soon. Publication is not a prize for writing so much as it is a part of the process of writing. The children publish some of their writing because when we write for readers, it puts demands on our writing. We ask, "Will the reader understand what the story is about?" "Is this the best that I can do?" When we become rich literate communities, teachers and children write differently. Writing gives people voices in the world and it can make a difference in our lives.

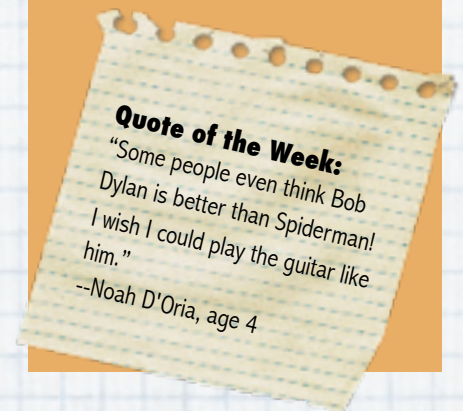
Mark Your Calendar

Seed Kids' Art
Silent Auction
Mon-Fri, April 4th-9th

Spring Picnic
Saturday, April 9th 11-2

NAEYC
Week of the Young Child
April 10th-16th

Seed Earth Day
Celebration
Thursday, April 21st



3rd/4th Grades Aimee/Kaylee

Our graduation trip is fast approaching and plans are underway for a fantastic trip. We're heading up to Show Low to stay in a cabin for two nights. On the way there, we will stop at a site near Christopher Creek and dig for fossils that are as old as dinosaurs. Friday we will make a trip to Fool Hollow Lake where we will enjoy a picnic lunch and try our hand at making boats from items we discover in nature. We'll spend one night having a campfire with s'mores and skits. Our fundraising efforts will be well worth it!

April Birthdays

Nadia Jasso
Anabelle Carlile
Elyse Tseffos
Phoenix Douglas
Hanna Greenbank
Charlie Lasik-Vigil
Dylan Manzanares-Schnick
Hetta Manzanares- Schnick