



Our mission is to educate the whole child; thus we endeavor to nurture every heart and challenge every mind through the experience of meaningful inquiry.

July 2, 2010
Week 4

**HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

We will be closed Monday, July 5th in celebration of the July 4th holiday

We hope everyone has a safe and happy long weekend!
See you back Tuesday

CALENDAR
Next Week: **Commotion in the Ocean**

Monday 07/05	Tuesday 07/06	Wednesday 07/07	Thursday 07/08	Friday 07/09
Enjoy your day off!	Primary-1st grade students visit CATS Theatre Tee Shirt Day	Spanish (does not include Toddler students)	PE with Stretch N' Grow & Music with Ms. Laurie	PE with Stretch N' Grow Tee Shirt Day

Caterpillars, Ladybugs and Pancakes

The Toddler and Transitional classes celebrated author Eric Carle by reading such books as: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Grouchy Ladybug, Pancake Pancake, 1,2, 3, to the Zoo, Head and Toe and many others.

Students enjoyed pancakes made by Ms. Ashley and they worked hard by constructing mobiles, caterpillars and ladybugs. They also classified the food that the caterpillar ate and identified the animals in the zoo. Lastly, the talked about baby animals with their respectful names by reading "Does A Kangaroo Have A Mother Too?"

Mother Nature nixed plans for Splash Day but students were still able to get outside and have a good time. They played with bouncy balls, rode on scooters and visited a lemonade stand to cool off. It was another great week!



Celebrating Eric Carle the CDSA Way

This week the Primary-1st grade students celebrated the 40th year anniversary of *THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR* by author/illustrator, Eric Carle. They mapped the story, made story sequencing props, made paper chain caterpillars, made toilet paper roll butterflies, created a story mobile and learned that butterflies build *chrysalis* instead of cocoons. They also used hula-hoops to create a Venn diagram as they compared the story to *THE LITTLE GREEN CATERPILLAR* by Yvonne Hooker.

The students shared over fifteen other books written and/or illustrated by Eric Carle. They examined his literary style, noting that he often repeats parts of the text and uses sequencing such as the days of the week, months of the year, seasons and the hours in a day. They identified insects (*THE VERY CLUMSY CLICK BEETLE AND THE VERY QUIET CRICKET*), made a booklet about spider facts (*THE VERY BUSY SPIDER*), learned how the father seashore takes care of the babies (*MISTER SEA-HORSE*) and made a life cycle wheel to show how seeds grow (*THE TINY SEED*). The kiddos copied Carle's (collage) style as they used paint and tissue paper to illustrate several of the stories (*THE TINY SEED, A HOUSE FOR HERMIT CRAB, MISTER SEAHORSE*). They used paper plates to make ladybug puppets, created and played a funny face game (*THE GROUCHY LADYBUG*) and participated in movement activities as they acted out a story (*FROM HEAD TO TOE*). Finally the students created a graph to vote for their favorite Eric Carle book and made a fruit salad using the fruits from *THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR*.



Bon Voyage & Welcome Back

Ms. Sangeeta will be leaving us for awhile to start her vacation; we have enjoyed having her with us this summer. Next week Ms. Charlotte returns and she will be assisted by Ms. Geraldine, Ms. Tina (who is a CDSA substitute) and Mrs. McCall

Our Transitional lead teacher will be Ms. Stephanie and she will be assisted by Ms. Ashley, Ms. Tina and Mrs. McCall.

Ms. Kathryn and Ms. Rebeca will be working with both Primary-1st grade classrooms. We are so fortunate to have such a diversified summer program teaching team!

There is still some space available - so if you have friends or family looking for a great summer experience, we would love to have them join us!



Totes for Tots (And Others)

Each week, students work very hard on various projects and we would like for their efforts to be proudly displayed in your homes. However, many get left behind because children forget them—AND, they have no tote bag to take them home in. PLEASE, send your child with his/her tote bag on a daily basis. In addition to their awesome creations, notices from the school may also be included. If you are in need of a bag, please see Julie at the front desk to purchase one for the low price of \$1.00. Thanks!



If your child is attending the field trip to CATS Theatre next Tuesday, July 6th, we must have their money and permission slip turned into the office by Friday, July 2nd. (Students 4 years old and up are eligible to attend.)

The field trip to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13th and permission slips and payment are due back by Friday, July 9th. (Students entering kindergarten and up are eligible to attend.)

We need empty Pringle cans or empty peanut cans, please!