

PARENT NEWSLETTER



In this picture: Children are working on brushing the "germs" off the teeth using a tooth brush

DISCOVERY ZONE

Themes

This month we explored the concept of caring. We focused on the following subthemes to help us gather a better understanding on the active roles we can have in caring for ourselves and others: Self care, caring for friends and family, and pet care.

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Invitation to explore: Children were invited to demonstrate ways to take care of a crying baby. Students patted the baby, rocked the baby, or simply held the baby.

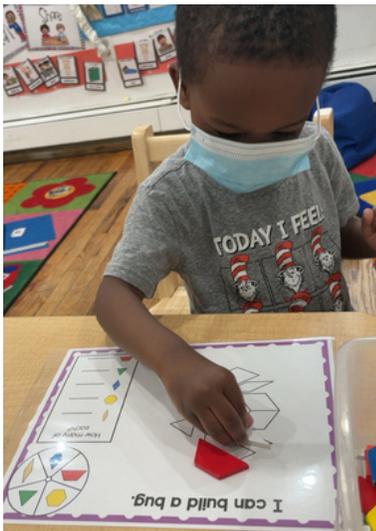
Activities

Some of our activities included exploring emotions and things we can do to cheer us up or help us calm down. We read books such as *The Color Monster* by Anna Llenas and *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister. We explored taking care of babies in the dramatic play area set up as a kitchen with babies, diapers, blankets, milk bottles, food, plates and utensils. We also pretended to be doctors and dentists when the kitchen transformed into a medical and dental clinic. Then, to end the month with a bang, we took home a stuffed dog and learned how to be a great and responsible dog owner.



In this picture Rachel, Ayanleh, and Jonas are using their fine motor skills to glue together precut pieces to create a tooth!

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



In the math center Elijah explored our Spring themed tangram puzzles. Here's Elijah matching the shapes to create a ladybug!

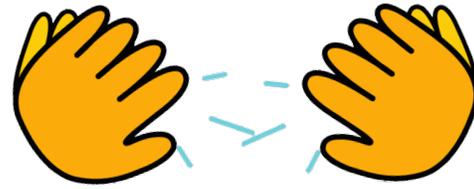


Dr. Ayanleh taking a lunch break after seeing so many patients at the dentist office. Dr. Ayanleh knows a healthy lunch with keep his teeth happy!



Our friend Jonas shared a picture of him feeding his new dog, Candy. Candy has such a great and caring family!

SHOUT OUTS!



Shout out to our 3K friends for sharing and asking for turns - great job class!



GLIMPSE OF MAY

Next month we will continue exploring our impact by exploring ways we can promote change / growth through cause and effect, and also investigating how things such as animals, plants, and people change / grow.



Family engagement activities:

- Read books about things that grow such as babies, animals, and plants
- Plant a seed and observe changes
- Look at then/now pictures of your child to discuss change/growth. (Send us your child's pictures! Physical copy or digital. We would love to use them for an in class activity)
- Bake cupcakes, muffins, cookies, or bread. Discuss and observe the physical changes during the mixing and baking process

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



Our friend Justice is turning 4 on May 4th!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Health screenings must be completed daily before drop-off or at the door for entrance. If completed online, you must show clearance at the door or send to Ms. Kathy via email.

Copy and paste the link below for the online screening:



<https://healthscreening.schools.nyc>

Free COVID testing provided by Sovereign Laboratory Services offered on Monday mornings for parents, staff, and children.