

## Mrs. Veitenthal's March Class Notes

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Dear Families,

Spring has sprung on campus! The children have loved exploring our outdoor areas and noticing the first signs of spring such as the purple crocus flowers, yellow daffodils, and squiggly worms. Everyone is enjoying digging in the garden box, pushing the wheelbarrow, and jumping in mud puddles! Many of the children are climbing higher on our dome and jumping with both of their feet off the ground, some are even jumping off the tree stump in the playground! As the weather continues to trend warmer, we will spend more time outdoors and will go on some hikes in the woods.

Language work has been a busy area of our classroom. The children have learned various tropical fruits such as kiwi, coconut, star fruit, dragon fruit, and casaba melon. The children were able to taste the star fruit and the dragon fruit and both were fun to cut open and explore. We are beginning to talk about more tertiary colors such as red-orange, blue-green, yellow green, or red-violet. Many children are also beginning to notice dark and light shades of colors and patterns such as stripes, polka dots, and zigzags.

Currently, we have many opportunities for the children to learn about exotic animals that live either in Africa, Asia, or South America. We have talked about animals that live in the Rainforest such as howler monkeys, tree frogs, anacondas, and jaguars. We also have a language basket full of animals you might see on a Safari such as an elephant, a lion, a giraffe, and a gorilla. It is so important for children to learn about various animals in other parts of the world at a young age to develop a strong connection to the earth.

We have welcomed Nathaniel, a new student, to our class so please help him and his parents feel welcomed around campus! I am including the updated grocery list below, along with many

pictures of your children working in a self-driven and joyous manner.

Warmly,  
Sarah

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