

Mrs. Nixon's April Class Notes

Dear Families,

We have a plethora of activities going on with our Greek play practice for the younger crowd and the Shakespeare play for the older ones. Some children only want a few lines while others are eager to have many. We are in the throes of memorization right now, which will hopefully be completed this week. When we return after Easter break, we will need a few weeks to refine our performance, and then we will be ready for costumes. We have a stash of materials, belts, hats, coats, tunics, etc., which the children choose from to make their costumes. Some of them bring things from home. We will let you know when they can bring things in. Costumes are not used until we are pretty much ready for performance. (It's a great incentive to work a little harder!) Soon we will be able to invite you to see our plays.

We are raising chicks which will go into a coop in a few weeks. Some of the older children will help prepare the habitat, which will be on the backyard playground for all the children to observe and enjoy. We have all been amazed to see how quickly the chicks have grown. Three of them hatched over spring break, and Mrs. Hess added to the flock with hatchlings she brought in. The children have been taking care of the chicks - feeding and watering, cleaning the cage, making sure the heat lamp is correctly placed for them, and holding them (a bit too much at times.) Children have been inspired to do many drawings, stories, and research.

There has been a run on science experiments in the classroom. We have been learning about heat rising, crystallization, electricity, mixtures, and the anatomy of plants. Once a few children have done an experiment, there are many eager students waiting to learn from their friends.

We also want to welcome three students to our class. Ana-Lena Compton, who was with us last

year, has returned to our class. Seraphina and Declan Hess have also joined us. It is wonderful to have all three of them.

We are so happy that we can invite you in for classroom observations. I hope you can all be with us for a bit in the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,

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