

In April, we will be celebrating Passover, which we introduced to the kids this week. Passover commemorates the freedom of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. We always enjoy when the Matzah Bakery visits the school. This week, the Matzah Bakery's Rabbi shared a Passover story and showed the kids how to make matzah. The kids had an opportunity to take the wheat and crumble it on the table so the seeds would come out. After that we put all the seeds in a very big bowl and the Rabbi then placed the seeds into a machine where it converted it into flour. The kids learned that matzah is made with just 2 ingredients - water and flour. After the Rabbi made the dough, he gave each child a small piece and they used a rolling pin to flatten it out. The kids watched as the Rabbi put all the pieces in a small oven for exactly 18 minutes. While the matzah was in the oven, the kids watched a short movie about how matzah is made. They enjoyed eating some of the matzah (with some cream cheese) during snack. Please make sure to take a look at all the pictures on Shutterfly.

We had 3 specials this week, starting with Music. Miss Jill sang different Passover songs with the kids while they banged on a drum and danced around the room. The next special was Arboretum. Miss Wendi based her lesson on Spring and she talked about how we'll start seeing butterflies and lots of different birds. She read ***Abacadabra It's Spring*** by Anne Sibley O'Brien. Our last special was Tumbling, and the kids had a lot of fun going through the different obstacle courses. Towards the end they enjoyed playing with ribbons and pretending to be different animals. Pictures are posted on Shutterfly.

I read a couple of Peppa books in class: ***Peppa Visits the Aquarium*** and ***Class Trip***. I know that I have mentioned this before, but the whole class loves listening to books and I love reading to them!!

We have been enjoying this lovely weather and going out to play every day, sometimes even twice a day! Hopefully this is the start of a wonderful stretch of spring weather 😊

Have a good weekend,

Mila and Lauren