

Spring Specials Update

Music with Ms. Susan

Happy spring! Welcome back to "Rhythm and Rhyme." This is a very busy time for the children in our Music classes. During March and April Ms. Molly has been teaching the children the Lenten story leading up to Easter each week in Music. We all sing the Lenten hymn, "Christ Is Light" and recite the prayer, "O Jesus, I Love You".

We had a wonderful time celebrating Saint Patrick's Day on March 17th! The children were able to play a Bodhrán, listen to "Twinkle, Twinkle" played on a penny whistle, and sing the Irish tune, "Potatoes and Cabbage."

Save the date(s).....The songs have been selected and we will begin to prepare for our Springtime Celebrations and May Crowning. For me, our music concerts are a wonderful way to end another terrific school year!

May 17/18 Spring Program for the 2s and 3's

May 19 May Crowning for the 4's and 5's

Check out the website to see our seasonal song lyrics: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/music-class-lyrics/>



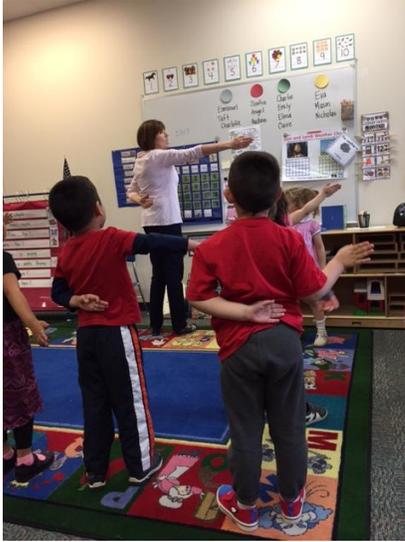
Creative Movement with Ms. Sadler



Happy Easter to all my little friends at St. Raphael Preschool! What wonderful experiences we enjoy in Creative Movement as God reminds us that spring is a time for joy and rebirth! Spring is a wonderful time to explore seasonal activities such as planting a garden. We discuss seeds and what is their favorite vegetable or fruit to plant, then act out the growing process. Play acting is a child's way of working and learning. They try new roles, solve problems, and learn to make sense of the environment, all while practicing social and motor skills. In class the children took turns pretending to prepare the dirt by digging with small shovels, watering with a water can, and shaping their bodies into seeds. Then they acted out growing into a plant, flowering,

and ripening into fruit. I often bring in a collection of various seed packets for them to observe. Rainbows were seen last week and are another sign of God's love and beauty. We used a colorful ribbon dance for sequencing and to practice gross motor skills with skipping, galloping, walking on tiptoe, and twirling. With the current interest in basketball, we had a sports day where we tried bouncing a basketball, rebounding, bowling, and kicking a ball into a soccer goal. Some classes even tried their hands at baseball. At this age exercise is so important as children develop large muscle skills like running, jumping, climbing, pulling, and pushing.

Spanish with Ms. Teresa



Buenos Dias! It's hard to believe that we are already in the month of April. Each time we meet for Spanish we continue to reinforce what we have learned so far...colors, counting, parts of our body, and responding to the questions, like "What is your name?" and "How old are you?"

In the past months we have introduced vocabulary that has included shapes, opposites, items in our classroom, words for please, thank you, you're welcome, and I'm sorry. We are also learning responses to "How are you?" During the remaining weeks of school we will read The Very Hungry Caterpillar in Spanish and introduce family vocabulary.

It has been a joy to introduce the Spanish language to our children. When I see them in the hallway during the day, they always speak to me in Spanish!

Manners

por favor (please) *gracias* (thank you) *de nada* (you're welcome) *lo siento* (I'm sorry)
buenas días (good morning) *buenas noches* (good night)

Answer to "How are you?"

muy bien (very well) *muy mal* (very bad) *enfermo* (sick) *cansado* (tired) *hambre* (hungry)

Shapes

círculo (circle) *cuadrado* (square) *rectángulo* (rectangle) *triángulo* (triangle) *óvalo* (oval)
corazón (heart) *estrella* (star) *octágono* (octagon) *diamante* (diamond)

Classroom Vocabulary

escuela (school) *clase* (class) *amigos* (friends) *maestra* (teacher) *juguetes* (toys)
libros (books) *la bandera de los Estados Unidos* (American flag) *puerta* (door) *ventana* (window)
luz (light) *silla* (chair) *mesa* (table) *alfombra* (rug) *pared* (wall) *techo* (ceiling)

Opposites (with 4 year old classes only)

grande (big) *pequeño* (small) *largo* (long) *corto* (short) *en* (on) *despegado* (off)
subida (up) *bajada* (down) *rápido* (fast) *despacio* (slow) *sobre* (over) *bajo* (under)
dentro (in) *fuera* (out) *derecha* (right) *izquierda* (left)