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Pre Kindergarten
March- April 2010



Construction

Our new unit is *construction*. Thanks for all the boxes. At the end of our unit, we will use the boxes to construct structures the students designed. The classes will learn about what architects, construction workers and carpenters do and so much more. We will discuss topics such as measurement, cooperative work, and safety. We will read books such as *Building a House* and *Tools* that show how homes are built and what machines are used. Prior to the unit, we will review our shapes and observe shapes in our classroom and in the neighborhood.

We will discuss safety signs that are in our everyday lives (in school and the community). We will take a walk (weather permitting) and observe not only the signs but the architecture of different buildings and what materials they are made of (such as wood, concrete and metal). Lastly, the students will watch a few movies that show how a house is built and how to work together to complete a project. If any parents work in architecture or construction, please let us know. We would love to have you come in and talk to the class about your job. Your children are looking forward to this unit.



Friend of the Week

We continue to feature one friend of the week. Please remember to bring in magazine clippings and photos for the Friend of the Week

collage. Please check the note about the "friend of the week" for more details. A copy of the schedule is posted on the parent board.

Animals and Plants

Later, we will have a unit on animals. The students will learn about the different animals and their habitats. The children will make books or pictures about their favorite animals. The students will be reading various books such as "Raccoon's House", "Animals", "Zoo" and so many more. In April, we will visit the Staten Island Zoo as part of our unit.



Following the animal unit in April we will start our "planting and growing" unit.



Post-It!

- *We are low on paper towels, kleenex, wipes and cups. Please check the parent board for all other needs. Thanks.*
- *March 16th-Half day. Noon dismissal. Parent Teacher conference in the afternoon and evening. Please remember to sign up.*
- *March 19th pre-k 115 10 am and prek 116 10:50 am: we will have a Music Sharing highlighting some of the wonderful work we did with year with Ms. Patty from the Brooklyn Conservatory.*
- *March 24th-Trip to Staten Island Children's Museum.*
- *April 21st -Trip to Staten Island Children's Zoo.*
- *April 23rd Pre-k Non-attendance day.*