

## ANCILLARY NEWS

### April 2010

#### Fine Arts

April marks the last month of Fine Arts for the 2009-2010 school year. For our final project, we will be studying Eric Carle and "The Hungry Caterpillar". The children will be given the opportunity to use four different art methods to design a collage illustrating the four stages of a butterfly's life cycle. We will read The Hungry Caterpillar and discuss how Eric Carle's art work is created in [collage](#) technique. He uses hand-painted papers, which he cuts and layers to form bright and colorful images. I look forward to seeing you all next year.~Elizabeth Hibbetts

#### Creative Movement

Greetings from the gym,

I hope everyone had a blessed and glorious Easter. We will continue the Easter theme in Creative Movement for the first 2 weeks of April, having fun with activities centered around the cocoon to butterfly, and a lot egg fun. We'll be using the parachute to pop the eggs up and off, just like Jesus took all our sins away when He died on the cross for us. The end of the month includes the story of Jesus healing the deaf man, so we will be focusing on activities that make us aware of different sounds. We'll be having a lot of fun with different types of music and rhythm. The children still continue to amaze me with their progress and enthusiasm. It is a privilege and I feel truly blessed to work with and spend time with your precious children. Keep Moving!~Ms. Rachael

#### Science

April Science we are continuing our study of Life Cycles. We are currently watching caterpillars metamorphosing in our classrooms and we will have a butterfly release once we return from Easter Holiday! This month we will be talking about the life-cycle of a plants and frogs. We will also get a visit from Mr. Clint the snake-man, and will learn more about snakes in the classroom. I will be in the classrooms the first week in April talking about seeds. We will even get to watch seeds grow into flowers over the next couple of weeks. What a great way to celebrate SPRING!

~Kate Potter

#### Spanish

Hola Padres, In April (abril) we continue learning about Spring (primavera). Our vocabulary words are birds (pajaros), little birds (pajaritos), fish (peces), frogs (ranas), little frogs (ranitas), mushrooms (hongos), and wind (viento). We learn the story about the "Five Little Speckled Frogs (Cinco ranitas pintas)", and we learn to play the game Knock, Knock, Knock (Tan, Tan, Tan). The book for the month is More Spaghetti, I Say! (Quiero mas fideos!).~Sra. Haidee

#### Music

Happy Easter! We are singing about butterflies while waiting for butterflies to hatch in the classroom. We have been using tambourines rhythm sticks in music to praise God with cheerful hearts.

Now that spring is here, it's a great time to sing silly songs. We are singing and giggling to "The mice go marching by" and "Five little monkeys jumping on the bed". Later this month, we will sing about parts of the body in "Tony Chestnut" and dance to the "Silly Dance Contest".~Ms. Sue Early