

Weekly Newsletter March 15-19

Garden Time: Daylight savings has arrived, and with that the signs of spring. One great thing about this is Earth Day is right around the corner. Thursday, April 22nd will be our official school-wide Volunteer Garden Party. We have begun to talk about what we will plant and how we want to redesign our garden. There were many great ideas, including planting potato chips! The plan is to expand the garden to allow space for a picking garden which will include herbs and flowers. If you have a green thumb or a just a desire to help, please look for our volunteer sign up sheet in early April.

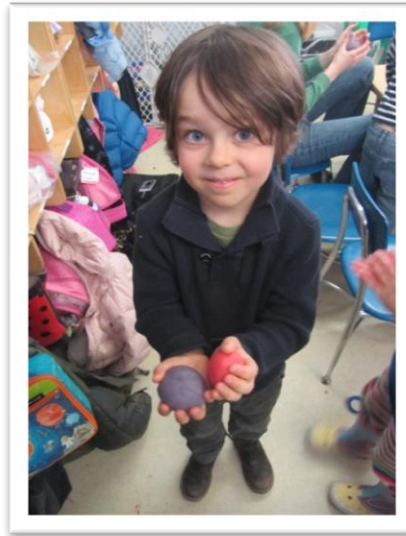
Another great thing about the weather is the opportunity to spend more time outside. Sometimes we even have 'second lunch' outside:



ART: Wednesday brought all things **green**. We had green clothing, green play dough, green art, and even green WATER for snack time.



Play dough was our BIG project this week. We made it from scratch, which made it that much more fun to play with all week:



If you are interested in making it at home, it's simple and fun. The recipe is as follows:
(We used flavored Kool-Aid, the small 25 cent package, to color it and make it smell good)

COOKED PLAYDOUGH COPIED FROM COOKS.COM

1 C. FLOUR
1/2 C. SALT
2 TSP. CREAM OF TARTAR
1 C. WATER
2 TBSP. OIL
1 TSP. FOOD COLORING- OR KOOL AID

COMBINE 1 CUP FLOUR, 1/2 CUP SALT AND 2 TEASPOONS CREAM OF TARTAR IN A LARGE SAUCEPAN. GRADUALLY STIR IN 1 CUP WATER MIXED WITH 2 TABLESPOONS OIL AND 1 TEASPOON FOOD COLORING. COOK OVER MEDIUM TO HIGH HEAT, STIRRING CONSTANTLY UNTIL A BALL FORMS. REMOVE FROM HEAT, COOL AND KNEAD UNTIL SMOOTH ON WAX PAPER. STORE IN AN AIRTIGHT CONTAINER.

New Materials:

The introduction of new or forgotten materials is always fun. This week baby cradles, a baby high chair, and a birthday cake made for a lot of fun imaginative play.

Have a great weekend! It's supposed to be beautiful! See you Monday-
Jen

