

Hello Vashon Island Families and Friends!

Welcome back from Spring Break.

This week in the Vashon Island Classroom we continued our investigation about Spring. Some of the children made an observation that the Tulips are fully in bloom. Milo shared his personal experience of the Tulip festival and even brought us in some freshly picked Tulips from the Tulip fields in Tulalip. For the entire week we ran a slide show of Eric's pictures he took from the Tulip festival last year and had the opportunity to create still life painting's of some of the fresh vibrant Tulips.



Our Science experiment this week was called "ICE MAGIC." Many of the children asked for the directions so they can try this at home. The materials needed are various types of string/thread, scissors, small/ shallow tray, water, ice cube, and salt. To begin,

1. Cut various types of string/thread using the scissors. (Pieces of string should measure from your wrist to your elbow.)
2. Fill a shallow dish with water.
3. Add one ice cube.
4. Lay a piece of string across the ice cube and try to pick it up with the string.
5. Try using all the different pieces of string/thread.
6. Lay a piece of string across the ice cube.
7. Sprinkle salt over the ice cube.
8. Count to 10 and try to pick up the ice cube using the string.
9. Try using all the different pieces of string/thread.

As always during our activities the children make their own observations. They noticed that the salt melts the ice. In this case the salt melted the ice just enough to bond around the string. After doing this experience the children came to the conclusion that the string adheres better to the ice when only a pinch of salt is placed on the ice cube. As

many children experienced if an excessive amount of salt was placed on the ice cube, the salt would solidify and clump together adhering to the string but not to the ice cube. Being Scientists the children discovered that when doing this experiment you will have better results if you count to 20 instead of 10. Give it a try at home. Have fun.



Wednesday afternoon Jennifer, Paloma's Mother, gave us a cooking lesson on making Yogurt Parfaits. The ingredients included Strawberry Yogurt (off course Dairy Free for those that are intolerant), Strawberries, Bananas, Blueberries, Rice Cereal, and Gluten Free Granola. We began our lesson by slicing the Bananas and strawberries. We then layered the ingredients into fun parfait cups. Not only was the final product beautiful to look at but it was truly tasty. Thank you Jennifer. I look forward to our next cooking project!



Sincerely your Teachers,
Whitney and Eric.