



## Spring Time!

To celebrate the arrival of spring the Asteroids took a trip to Central Park for an afternoon of games, food and fun. The Asteroids found a great spot on the lawn off of 79th street and Fifth Avenue, in the shadow of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The kids lounged on blankets and feasted on picnic lunches. After lunch the Asteroids played a game of soccer, tossed a ball back and forth and even engaged in some interpretative dance with colorful scarves. The biggest treat of all was a surprise appearance by former Aster-



*DeVonni and Kristin dance with scarves.*

oid team member Debrah and her new baby Nathan. The Asteroids were thrilled to see her. Debrah was greeted with lots of excitement and hugs, yet the kids were very mindful not to overwhelm little Nathan. It

was a great afternoon and a wonderful chance for the Asteroids to spend some quality time together outside of the classroom. Happy spring!



*The Asteroids with Debrah and baby Nathan.*

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## Teachers in Training

The Asteroids have started to take over the job of teacher! Every Friday, one student is picked at random to run Morning Meeting. The "teacher" is responsible for going over the morning questions, asking kids for re-

sponses to the questions, and reviewing the date and daily schedule. It is a good opportunity for the kids to practice speaking in front of a group and commanding an audience. They are having a great time in the process!



*DeVonni takes over Morning Meeting.*

# T.V. Turnoff Week



*Kristin enjoying the beautiful weather at the park.*

In April Gillen Brewer celebrated its annual “T.V. Turnoff Week”. This can be a trying week for some, but the Asteroids made the best of it and may have had some fun in the meantime! Each night the Asteroid students had extra “fun” assignments such as; choosing a favorite recipe to share, writing the directions of a favorite game and creating an original word

search. The kids voted on an overall favorite recipe to make as a class. Ben’s recipe for “Worm Dirt Cake” won. The Asteroids worked together to make this delicious concoction of chocolate pudding, crushed Oreos, whipped cream and gummy worms and enjoyed the delightful snack together. The Asteroids also enjoyed doing each others’ word searches, especially

Kristin’s “Ice Cream Flavors” and Max’s “Yankee Players”. Many Asteroids attended GBS’s annual *Kick-off Party*. Children enjoyed arts and crafts, music, and ice cream sundaes. Thanks to all who volunteered to make it a great night!



*The Asteroids enjoying each others’ company at lunch.*

# Dictionary Skills

The Asteroids have been working hard to expand their vocabulary. The weekly spelling words are now being called weekly vocabulary words. During the first part of Reading Groups each day, the Asteroids take their time looking up each of their spelling words in the dictionary.

The students find the words, write the definitions and use the words in sentences. It has been great seeing the progress that all of the Asteroids are making, from increasing their speed in finding the words to increasing their vocabulary overall. It has also been a treat to see how excited

the Asteroids are getting about vocabulary!



# Photo Gallery



*Nichelle enjoying a marble party breakfast.*



*Jaquan is gearing up for a game of soccer.*



*Jonathan tackles the monkey bars.*