



THE STARS February/March 2010 NEWSLETTER



Discovering what a Star fish feels like was very exciting!



SCIENCE

Sea animals have captured the imagination of the Stars. We were able to explore a variety of sea creatures including a live hermit crab. Children want to learn through observation and investigation. They can share what they discover. Most importantly, it is active learning. Our goal is to foster scientific thinking.



"Wow, a sea horse!"

SPRING PLANTING

Spring is all around us and the Stars have noticed the new buds and blossoms. Inspired by nature, we have planted our first flower garden. We wait in anticipation!



Yes, she really said, "This is a puffer fish!"



Stars' favorite books this month...

1. *Baby Beluga*
by: Raffi
2. *Just a Garden: Little Critter*
by: Mercer Mayer
3. *A Cake All for Me* by: Karen Magnuson Beil
4. *Hooray for Fish*
by: Lucy Cousins
5. *It's a Good Thing You're Not an Octopus!*
by: Julie Marques

Song of the month Baby Beluga by: Raffi

Baby beluga in the deep blue sea,
Swim so wild and you swim so free.
Heaven above and the sea below,
And a little white whale on the go.

Baby beluga, baby beluga,
Is the water warm? Is your mama home,
With you so happy?

Way down yonder where the dolphins play,
Where you dive and splash all day,
Waves roll in and the waves roll out.
See the water squirting out of your spout.

Baby beluga, oh, baby beluga,
Sing your little song, sing for all your friends.
We like to hear you.

When it's dark, you're home and fed.
Curled up snug in your waterbed.

Moon is shining and the stars are out.
Good night, little whale, good night.

Baby beluga, oh, baby beluga,
With tomorrow's sun, another day's begun.
You'll soon be waking.

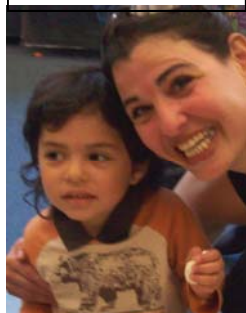
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Your a little white whale on the go.

VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES!

VIP day was a huge success and enjoyed by all. The Stars were able to share an activity and their classroom with a very important person in their lives. Thank you Star parents for donating delicious food once again!

Eden and his mom are happy to be here.



Creating special moments in our classroom, while sharing a story.

DRAMATIC PLAY



The Stars elaborate their role-play by incorporating objects into it and creating props for it. Recently, they have become very interested in fire fighters and fire engines. Last month, they created their own fire engine, fire hoses and dressed up with fire helmets. The children are using their imagination and collaborating as a group. We learned a new fire fighter song, then danced around the room and down the hall. For children to play together successfully,

they need a common set of experiences. All the children share a common interest on this theme. As members of a community, they see and hear fire engines on the streets of this city almost daily. In order to provide more extensive and varied experiences that enrich their dramatic play, we intend to visit a fire station very soon.



Jacob paints the side of the fire engine.

Music class is such a blast!

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

If you want to see a preschooler beam with joy, give him or her an instrument. Every week, the Stars experiment with real instruments. They use their bodies to express different kinds of emotions. Through movement activities, they improve their gross motor skills. Our days are filled with singing, chanting, clapping, and stomping our feet to a beat. Oh, to be a kid again!



Hidden talents come out.



A parent read-aloud is always a treat. Fern shared her son's favorite book with the Stars.

Watch me create a master piece!

ART

The creative process should include a variety of art materials that allow for exploration and encourage participation. Being exposed to a variety of materials is an important part of the creative process. These experiences transfer into all areas of development and growth. The Stars strengthen their fine motor skills and increase their language while they tell us about their creation. Celebrate your child's work by hanging it for all to see. Developing an interest in art at a young age lasts a life time.



"Can you tell me about your model? What materials did you use?"