



The Stars June 2010 Newsletter

Tweet Tweet!

What is cute, yellow, and fluffy? You guessed it: chicks! The Quiver Farm in Pennsylvania raises hens and delivers eggs to schools in the tri-state area. We received 18-day-old eggs in an incubator and in about four days, ten chicks hatched at Gillen Brewer. The Stars were very excited to hear that we had baby chicks in our school! Andrea came to our classroom with another class, the Asteroids, so we could see and pet the chicks. The Asteroids showed the Stars how to carefully hold the chicks and pet them gently. The Stars really enjoyed touching the chicks and feeling how soft they were. Since the Stars seemed so interested in the chicks, we read "Here a Chick, Where a Chick" by Suse MacDonald.



The next day in art, Kate brought out the chicks and placed them in a box on each table. The Stars then had an opportunity to draw the chicks! We learned that the body of a chick is round like a circle, its head is shaped like an oval, and its beak looks like a triangle. Knowing the shapes that make up the chicks' body helped the Stars to learn how to draw them.



Song of the Month

"This Old Man"

This old man, he played one,
He played knick-knack on my thumb;
With a knick-knack paddy-whack,
Give a dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played two,
He played knick-knack on my shoe;
With a knick-knack paddy-whack,
Give a dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played three,
He played knick-knack on my knee;
With a knick-knack paddy-whack,
Give a dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.

This old man, he played four,
He played knick-knack on my door;
With a knick-knack paddy-whack,
Give a dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.

Work Time



Stars' favorites

1. Helping Hector by Gus Clarke
2. I am a Little Monkey by Francois Crozat
3. Angelina Ballerina's Shapes by Helen Craig
4. Let's Clean Up! by Parents Magazine
5. Show and Tell Day by Anne Rockwell



Chinchillas, Rabbits, Turtles, Oh My!

The Stars took a trip to the Art Farm. The Art Farm is a child-friendly school/petting zoo located around the corner from the Gillen Brewer School. While we were there, the Stars saw many different types of animals. Gabby, who works at the Art Farm, provided the Stars with background information on each animal and then allowed the children to pet them. Some of the animals that the Stars were able to touch included a chinchilla, a rabbit, a chicken, a tortoise, a hissing roach, and a bearded dragon. The Stars were able to feed the rabbits and prepare food for the chickens. An exciting part of the trip was when the bearded dragon ate thirty crickets using its tongue to scoop them into his mouth!

After Gabby was finished showing the children the animals, the Stars had a few minutes to walk around and look at all the animals close up. We made a picture collage about the Art Farm for the children to reflect about their experiences. Going to the Art Farm was a great hands-on learning experience for the Stars.



Happy birthday,
Joshua!

The Stars Will Miss You, Kim!

At the end of June, Kim will be leaving our classroom and heading back to Northeastern University. Kim has been working in the Stars' classroom for the last six months. The Stars enjoyed playing with Kim and we will really miss her. We wish her the best of luck next year!

Come Play With Us!

While the Stars continue to enjoy the playground at Asphalt Green, we have also explored two new playgrounds. The Stars were really excited to play at the Carl Schurz and Ruppert playgrounds. Lately, the Stars have been pretending that they are pirates searching for treasure on a pirate ship. They often find jewelry, toys, and candy!



To say goodbye to Kim, the Stars decorated a piñata and made a card.



Dates To Remember:

June 25-July 5: Vacation!

July 6: Return to GBS

August 13: Last day of summer school