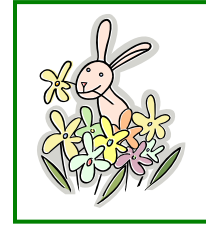


## News from "Our Garden"

**The Rabbits' Monthly Newsletter:  
February**



### Springtime is Just Around the Corner!

We hope everyone enjoyed the somewhat confusing winter weather and is looking forward to the arrival of flowers blooming and birds chirping. We enjoyed meeting with families at Parent Conferences this past month and hope that our discussions were as helpful for you as they were for us.

The Rabbits have had a busy month! Read on to discover what we've been up to inside our classroom...



### Literacy/Reading



We continued discussing Eric Carle's style of writing and his artwork this month. Using our imaginations to develop our own characters, we constructed our own book covers with tissue paper and paint, the same mediums we watched Eric use in his video, "Eric Carle: Picture Writer." **Jordan** employed an assortment of beautiful colors to develop the cover of his work entitled The Very Mean Crocodile. Instead of an animal, **Lucia** chose a person and constructed The Very Happy Daddy; she used multiple layers of paint to give her book cover an interesting texture.

This month we'll move on to discovering the works of Tomie dePaulo.



### Math



Our number sense is growing each day! The Rabbits' have been exploring the number line as well as the wonderful 100's pocket chart that hangs in our classroom. This month, many of us learned to perform addition operations using our fingers. **Esti** enjoyed surprising her teachers with the answer after carefully counting out the correct number of objects using her fingers and discovering how many there were "all together."

Our classroom store was an exciting event and that enabled us to understand how coins are used. **Belle** noted that George Washington is on the quarter. We are learning to distinguish quarters, nickels, dimes and pennies – let us help you pick out the correct coins the next time you treat us to an ice cream cone!



## Social Studies



With Valentine's Day upon us in the middle of the month, we happily celebrated February 14<sup>th</sup> with a "Friendship Party" that included games and lots of treats. We enjoyed sharing reasons each member of the class was a good friend. **Nichelle** noted that **Jonathan** was a good friend because "he brought in grapes to share with me." **Liz** said that **Jaquan** was a good friend because "he plays with me."

We will begin discussing different types of communities this month and exploring the community surrounding Gillen Brewer. Hopefully we'll be able to visit some landmarks in Manhattan.



## Science



We were so excited to complete different experiments during February. We observed causes and effects and were amazed by many of the results.

Leeann, Sarah and Ana helped us turn carnations different colors! Different food coloring was added to each vase and we made predictions about the colors we would see. **Steven** was so excited to watch the changes and he couldn't wait to make observations each morning. We discussed how the colored water traveled up the stem and into the flower. We were amazed as we watched the flowers change color right before our eyes!

## Other news...

In light of celebrating Dr. Suess's birthday on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we've been working on creating our own rhymes using the song "Down By the Bay." Take a look at some of our clever poetic moments:

"Did you ever see a bear, sitting in a chair, combing his hair?" – Jordan

"Did you ever see a cat, stepping on a rat?" – Jonathan

"Did you ever see a fish, eating from a dish?" – Nichelle

"Did you ever see a car, inside a jar?" – Steven

"Did you ever hear a shoe that likes to say 'moo'?" – Esti

"Did you ever see a cat, eating a rat?" – Isabella

"Did you ever see a bee, locking his hive with a key?" – Liz

"Did you ever see a sheep, doing 'beep, beep'?" - Jaquan

## Down By the Bay!



Leeann, Sarah, Ana

Jaquan, Esti, Lucia, Jonathan, Liz, Steven, Nichelle, Jordan, and Isabella