



# MARCH IN THE TADPOLES ROOM

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THE GILLEN BREWER SCHOOL

## Babies, Babies Everywhere!

The Tadpoles are having a blast emulating the rolls of parents/ caretakers of their very own babies. Each day, children visit the “nursery” to take out their designated babies for activities. Marley enjoyed showing her baby, Sam, how to draw. Harry and Tommy like to take their babies for daily walks in their strollers. Keba likes to make sure his baby has a clean diaper! We’ve talked a great deal about how we care for babies and are beginning to understand how parents help babies meet their ba-

sic needs such as feeding and clothing them. Putting diapers on the babies was an enlightening experience, but perhaps the most enjoyable activity was bathing the babies in the water table. The children used wash cloths and soap to clean off their babies until they were squeaky clean! To top off the unit the children had a special visitor-Finton Kennedy! It was exciting for them to see a real baby in their classroom!



## Hooray for Grandparents Day!

The Tadpoles were so excited to welcome several grandparents as guests in their classroom on March 28th. After showing their grandparents around the classroom for a bit, the group enjoyed a special bagel breakfast. During this time, the grandparents got to hear about the typical “day in the life of a tadpole” from teachers. Following the breakfast, the children created commemorative picture frames with the

help of their grandparent. At the end of the day, the children were able to take home a picture of their grandparent to remember how much fun they had! We welcome any grandparents who were unable to attend on grandparents day to join us as a guest reader, or to schedule another time in which they can join the group!



### Upcoming Important Dates:

- **April 17th 6-7:30 "Understanding and Facilitating Play Part II"** workshop given by the speech-language department.
- **April 22-28-TV Turn Off Week** includes several events after school- more details to follow!
- **May 1-6:00-8:00-"Nutrition for Learning" workshop** with Kelly Dorfman, nutritionist and health planner. \$35 for pre-registered Gillen Brewer parents, \$40 for pre-registered community members, \$50 at the door.

### Get Ready for TV Turn Off Week!



One of the highlights of the Gillen Brewer school year is Television Turn Off Week. This year, it will be held from April 22-28th. Turning off the television (this includes computers and video games as well) gives us a chance to think, read, create, and do. To connect with our families and engage in our communities.

According to [www.tvturnoff.org](http://www.tvturnoff.org):

“Television cuts into family time, harms our children’s ability to read and succeed in school, and contributes to unhealthy lifestyles and

obesity. Here are just a few of the facts:

On average, children in the US will spend more time in front of the television (1,023 hours) than in school this year (900 hours).

Forty percent of Americans frequently or always watch television during dinner.

As US Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher said at the Kick Off of TV-Turnoff Week 2001, "We are raising the most overweight generation of youngsters in American history...This week is about saving lives."

While it is understandable that it can be difficult to completely

turn off the TV, we encourage parents to try several of the alternative activities offered after school during the week . By attending these events, you are limiting your child’s time in front of the tube! This year will feature Crafts at Carl Shurz Park, Barnes & Noble Night and a campfire night with a performance by magician Bob Frierhoffer!

Start talking to your children about cutting down or turning off the TV completely at home to help them be well-prepared for the week!

### Out and About in the Tadpoles Room



Readers Joan and Alison came as Julian and Troy’s special guests!