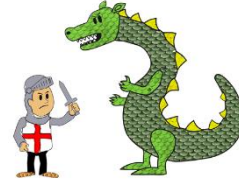


Classroom Hot Topics Purple Room- April



Happy April!

This month is a very busy time here at St. George's with Week of the Young Child and St. George's Day- Slaying of the Dragon. But first, the Butterflies will be learning about Spring with flowers, weather, and insects. Dramatic Play will turn into a Flower Shop where children will match flowers to their coordinating picture and also sort them by color on a Styrofoam board. In the Block Center, the Butterflies will sort unit blocks that have either sunny or rainy day attire. The Butterflies will work on their fine motor skills by using tongs in the sensory table to pick up plastic bugs.

Week of the Young Child will be April 16th-20th

On Music Monday, the Butterflies will get the opportunity to bang pots and pans with utensils which will help promote their eye-hand coordination. We will make small, personal pizzas on Tasty Tuesday where the Butterflies can choose their own toppings and decide if they want more or less of any ingredient. On Work Together Wednesday, friends will have the opportunity to work on Stage 2 Block Play not only in the Block Center with various boxes but also in the Library with pillows to make forts. Artsy Thursday will bring tons of paint to the room including painting on the wall (with a shower liner of course) which will help the Butterflies practice crossing their midline. This skill is important in the future when children begin reading and writing. On Family Friday, the children will sort baby pictures of all the Butterflies. More information to come as it gets closer so be on the lookout. On Friday, April 20th, we will all gather in Kleberg Hall where Ms. Jerri will read a book and Knight the Explorers. Then, we will all proceed to fight the Dragon on the playground! As you can see April is full of fun, and we cannot wait!

Parent Education

In the spirit of Week of the Young Child happening this month, we thought this was an interesting article to share. Often times we learn during Parent Conferences, that not much art is done at home rather it is an activity saved for school which is quite understandable. Learn about the difference between Process Art vs Product Art and all the learning that happens during the former. You can always use recyclable materials such as toilet paper or paper towel rolls and newspaper. Don't worry, it is okay to get messy every once in awhile!

<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/supporting-development-creativity>

Monthly Events

April 3rd -4th Spring Photos

April 4th- PTF Meeting at 8:00-9:00 am

April 16th-20th- Week of the Young Child

April 20th- St. George's Day- Slaying of the Dragon at 9:00 am

April 22nd- Knight for St. George's: Colleen's Kitchen at 6:00-9:00 pm