

Scribbles Preschool/ 973-334-1877

Class News: Intro I and II

Summer is right around the corner! What an exciting time of year to explore the world around us. We had the opportunity to observe real caterpillars grow and later spin into a chrysalis. The children waited patiently and were thrilled to see Painted Lady butterflies emerge. We expect a Luna moth to emerge from its chrysalis any day now! Both fiction and non-fiction books are always a fun way to enrich the curriculum when studying insects, frogs, turtles, ducks and other springtime creatures. Some of our favorite circle time songs include "The Green Speckled Frogs", "Five Little Ducks", "The Ants Go Marching One By One", and "Little Arabella Miller Had A Fuzzy Caterpillar". Of course, the springtime creatures around us also inspired our art.

It is hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end. It seems like only yesterday that your children walked into the Monkey room to begin their first school experiences. Now they are leaving the Intro classes and moving on to a new level. They have grown so much emotionally, socially, intellectually and physically. Language skills have improved, as well as fine and gross motor skills. Friendships have developed with the children engaging in more and more cooperative play outdoors and inside the classroom. It is truly rewarding to witness such growth and development. We are proud of all our Intro Children. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us.

Joan Mallotides, Denise Laden, Lissa Duddy and Kathy Adams



Class News: Intro III

All the children have grown so much. They are all riding bikes using the pedals to move instead of using their feet on the ground. Our large motor skills have increased tremendously since we started in February. We like using our muscles by pulling our friends in the wagon around in circles on the black top. We learned about boundaries while we were singing and playing by sharing with our friends and remembering to use our words instead of crying or getting upset. We even learned to take turns. Let's not

forget about small motor skills. We paint, color, cut and love making pretend things with play dough. We even planted grass seed in a large container, watered it and watched and waited patiently for it to grow. After it grew we decided that it needed a haircut and had fun cutting it short with our scissors. It was a wonderful experience for everyone. We enjoyed your children very much.

Mrs. Duddy and Mrs. Laden

Class News: 3A, 3BI, 3BII, 3C

As our school year comes to an end, we are enjoying singing our favorite songs and reading favorite stories. Our room reflects the bounties of spring. Our tree is blooming in pink tissue blossoms, butterflies flutter and our pond shimmers with happy croaking frogs and swimming turtles. We examined several boxes from the Morris Museum of Arts and Sciences. We looked at photographs of different butterflies and moths and also specimens of different varieties.

Class News: 4A, 4C

Late May/early June is the time frame for our culminating activities for this year. Our yearlong exploration of the concept of (habitat) was advanced with our recent field trip to a farm. The study of early childhood development informs us that we should not attempt to teach about any of nature's creatures unless that same creature can be experienced in the real world. During May we shifted towards examining our own human habitats from our house to our towns to our world. We noticed that we shared our homes with some animals. After discussing which animals would be compatible there (a good pet) we then shared pictures, stories and finally the actual pets themselves on Pet Day. Finally, we moved our focus to the pond habitat, which is just waking up, from the cold winter. We, of course, included a visit to the pond after brainstorming which creatures would thrive there. In

Class News: Creative Drama

Creative drama is another venue through which curriculum concepts can be reinforced. This is important as we strive to promote learning through multiple intelligence theory. One of our selections, *The Rainbow Fish*, was carefully chosen because it allowed us to explore a water habitat. We were encouraged to review our shape knowledge as we created fish out of an

We were excited to discover that our ("Painted Lady") butterflies had emerged from their cocoons. We look forward to observing them and setting them free in our garden. We would like to thank our parents for all their support throughout the school year. It has been a pleasure working with you and your children

Kathy Adams, Lissa Duddy, Debbie Kasel, Joan Mallotides and Louise Stearns

class, we were actually introduced to a pair of Crayfish. Insects never fail to ignite our children's imagination. They are interested in how they fit into the chain of life (their jobs) as well as how they develop (caterpillar to butterfly) which did occur in front of our eyes. As always, we enjoyed our children's talents and interests by supporting this study in our art, music and literature. Our creations of bugs, birds and reptiles supply us with a good end of year assessment of our children's progress in hand-eye coordination as well as placement of objects in space. The Morris Museum continues to enrich our program with a wealth of genuine specimens from nature. Most appreciated of all is our parent's unwavering support of our efforts. Thanks again for transporting us and by your presence validating your child's excitement in learning.

Arlene Aspell, Kathy DeMare, and Ruth Trachtenberg

oval and triangle. As we interpreted our fish tale dramatically, we practiced emotional intelligence as we shared fish scales with each other. Children continue to be excited about learning when they can interact with a story through the use of props, costuming, art and choral speaking.

Ruth Trachtenberg



Class News: 4D

We began the merry month of May with discussions and projects about farm animals. Our field trip to Farmstead Estate in Ringwood gave us the opportunity to experience real farm animals. We petted and fed pygmy goats and their kid. We loved being able to pet the baby bunnies, guinea pigs and ducklings. Thank you to all the parents for coming with us. As we observe the renewal of plant life around us in springtime, we also have the wonderful opportunity to study the lifecycles of some amazing creatures. We received caterpillars and Luna moth cocoons through the mail but it was all nature's drama after that. We watched daily as the caterpillars ate and ate and grew fatter and fatter (just like Eric Carles "Very Hungry Caterpillar"). They emerge from the chrysalis as painted lady butterflies just as we knew they would. The brown cocoons broke open to reveal very beautiful green Luna moths. Metamorphosis is the word we're learning to describe these amazing changes from caterpillar to butterfly. Thanks to Mrs. T we got to see and touch real Crayfish. Some of us were hesitant to pick them up but once we saw our friends holding them, we also wanted to see what it felt like. They tickled our hands with their legs and made us laugh. During "L" week we learned about lizards. "S" week is for snakes and salamanders. We practiced our small motor skills by using glue and paint to make lo-o-ong snakes. We told stories using sequence cards. We are focusing on our sense of sight. Turtles who like to sun themselves also were studied as we prepared for our pond walk around Birchwood Lake. Enjoying the outdoors in the woods around the pond is always the best way to see and experience the wildlife we have been learning about in school. Thank you very much to Mr. Ruiz, Giselle's dad and an experienced

birdwatcher, for coming in and telling us about the pleated woodpecker and other types of birds and what they eat. Thank you also to everyone who participated in Pet day. We enjoyed seeing some of our friend's pets. We saw cats, fish and big dogs. For the week of the letter "Y" we learned yoga poses. We had fun learning to balance, breathe mental and physical awareness but most of all laugh while we were having fun doing it. Our June days are being spent finishing and putting together our end-of-year books. We hope this will always be a special keepsake filled with memories of our Pre-K year at Scribbles. We were weighed and measured again so we know we have grown physically. Actually, we have grown in a great many ways and we are well prepared for kindergarten and beyond. We know our letters and sounds and a few of us are reading many words. We can count forwards and backwards and even by tens. Best of all, we are thinking, observing, learning by doing and enjoying the friendships we have had throughout the year. We think that this year has been a great success since some of you should remember how the class was very high-spirited in a challenging way in the beginning. But we have grown so much and have come a long way and are looking forward to a successful first year at kindergarten. The children are all very enthusiastic, friendly and energetic who have made every day fun and a joyful rewarding experience. We will miss you all. Many thanks to the parents in 4D for visiting with great lessons for us, taking photos, supplying letter snacks, driving us to field trips and being supportive in every way. It has been a great year.

Arlene Aspell, Denise Laden, and Nicole Bush

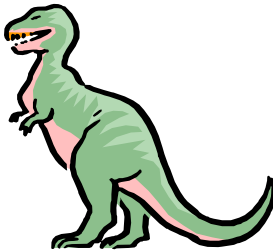
Class News: 4D Five Senses

We completed our sense of touch unit by taking off shoes and socks and letting our bare feet do the touching through about twenty different textures. We stepped from soft fabric and pillows to bubble wrap and sand paper, through sponges and sand into ice cube water and then warm water over and over and over again. What fun! Exploring our sense of sight we use magnifies and microscopes from the Morris Museum. Next we experimented with mirrors and reflection. We mixed colors to make

new ones and learned about the color spectrum. Using a salad spinner we put bio-color paint into rapid motion to see what splendid designs we could create. We focused very long and hard on optical illusion pictures to see different images and to learn how our eyes can be fooled. We will end our Five Senses program with our very own magic show. Is the hand quicker than the eye? Will use our brains and all our senses to find out!

Arlene Aspell, Denise Laden

Class News: Kids Club



Our last unit of the year, Digging the Stone Age, takes us way way back to the time of the dinosaurs. Tracing huge dinosaur silhouettes from the Morris Museum, we painted murals to set the scene for our prehistoric studies. We learned of the names of many of these fascinating reptiles and categorized them into plant eaters and meat eaters. To learn how Paleontologist study and work, we took different kinds of paper bones and tried hard to put them together to complete the skeleton of an Apatosaurus and a Tyrannosaurus Rex. It was “puzzling” but we got amazingly good at it. Our earth was still forming in dinosaur times so volcanoes were

plentiful and very active. We examined volcanic rock from the museum including igneous and pumice. Then we mixed play dough, shaped volcanoes and made them erupt over and over again. Our “bubbling hot lava” was really a chemical reaction of red wine vinegar poured over baking soda. We also excavated dinosaurs from sand casts as we pretended to be Paleontologists. How rewarding it was to eventually find a dinosaur inside! Then, we wondered and speculated why the dinosaur disappeared... and what it would be like if they came back!

Arlene Aspell, Denise Laden

Class News: Kindergarten Enrichment

There has been great excitement this spring as we explored pond life and creatures that live in this particular habitat. Our interest peaks with a visit to our classroom of two Crayfish from Mountain Lake. We noticed the difference from pond fish, Cray fish and, of course, the earth worms. We broaden our interest as we interact with the

Morris Museum traveling exhibits on Box Turtles and pond life. We build out descriptive vocabulary each time we write a story about the many animals we encounter as we interact with the world around us!

Ruth Trachtenberg

Class News: Scribbles'n Bits

Our last session of Scribbles'n Bits met with the good friends that both the children and adults made during the school year. Some of our Scribblers will be old enough to join the Intro class in the fall or in February. In August the new Scribbles'n Bits flyer will be sent to all age eligible children (one and two

year olds). We looked forward to seeing our friends in the next school year. Find a sand box and enjoy!

Lauren Brickner-McDonald

Staff Training

On Wednesday evening, May 7th eight staff members attended a workshop at Drew University's Child Development Center: Ruth Trachtenberg, Kathy Adams, Kathy De Mare, Arlene Aspell, Joan Mallotides, Louise Stearns, Lissa Duddy and Mimi Lyons. Dr. Anthony Coletta, a professor of Early Childhood Education, presented on "Building Self Esteem in Young Children by Understanding Learning Styles". The staff was impressed by the content and quality of the workshop. Scribbles was the only preschool other than Drew that was invited to attend, as a result of teachers Kathy Adams and Kathy

DeMare having gone to Drew University's preschool for our March In-Service Day. Director Mary E. Opperthausen invited us to attend along with her staff and parents of her program.

Educational workshops continue over the summer months. When school resumes in the fall, we'll share highlights of what we learn from these upcoming programs. This October we're scheduled to take another CPR recertification we obtain in the field every 2 years.

Earth Birthday Project

This year the children in our fours' classes raised \$63.50, which was enough to purchase and protect 1.27 acres of orangutan habitat in Indonesian Borneo. Did you see the certificate and letter we received announcing this? It's been

posted outside the school office. The little cardboard banks we sent home were used for our coin collection. Even though it was mostly pennies, it sure made a difference, "Thank You" to our families for reinforcing this at home.

Luna Moths & Painted Lady Butterfly Caterpillars

Once again, our butterflies and Luna moths managed to emerge from their cocoons and chrysalis that we cared for in each classroom. This wonderful preschool nature activity is something

we do each year. Ask your child what we had to do in the classroom to help them develop and why we had to take them out to set them free.

Kid's Dance Caravan Dance Recital

We hope you got a chance to see the spring recital on Friday, May 30th. The children were wonderful, especially in their adorable costumes. Dance will continue next year on Tuesdays, just like

this year. Even those girls going on to Kindergarten can continue by taking the after school dance class option. Details to follow.

Summer Fun Adventure Camp

Camp starts on Monday, June 16th. A few openings are available in week 2 only (June 23-27). A child can attend a

minimum of 2 half days a week. For a registration form, please stop by the office.

Class Photos

Class photos have gone home so that everyone could have them before their year-end parties. Thank you for your

patience. A few class photos had to be redone, so that's why there was a delay.

Scholastic Book Orders

May book club orders were already distributed. A few books were back-

ordered, but should arrive before school ends. If not, you will be contacted.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you to all the parents who submitted quotes from their children regarding how they feel about their

teachers. Each of our teachers received their own copy of these quotes, which they just adore.

NAEYC Questionnaires

All the NAEYC questionnaires that were completed by our families and returned to us will be reviewed and shared with the staff at our June staff meeting. Your

comments and suggestions make a difference. We have made adjustments in our program taking all of this into consideration.

Misc. Thank You's

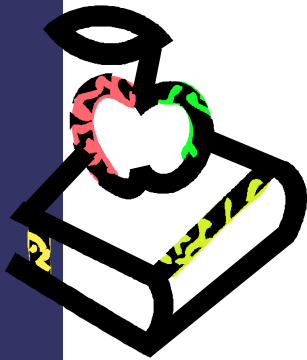
- To Kim Forte for the wonderful assortment of picture books
- To Ed Loosemore for the juice packs

- To Donna Ross for taking our class photos this year

Congratulations

Our sincere congratulations and best wishes to our own Miss Louise on her upcoming marriage this July to

Mr. Lee Marsh. We wish you both a lifetime of happiness!





Scribbles Preschool *NAEYC Fundraiser Results*

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The complete results are finally in. We're so pleased to tell you that you covered in full the cost of sending teacher Denise Laden to the NAEYC Convention this past November. In fact, the amount raised enabled us to also subsidize part of the expenses incurred by two additional Scribbles teachers (Kathy Adams, Kathy DeMare) who also attended the convention. This is how we did:

Revenue From:	Pasta Sale	\$950
	Theatre Tickets	430
	Concert	224
		\$1,604
Concert Expense:	Advertising	\$60
	Paper Goods	20
	Piano tuning	100
		\$180
Convention Expenses	Hotel	396.72
	Airfare	148.80
	Meals	100.00
	Membership fees	199.00
	Transp. Expense	190.00
		\$1,034.52

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Convention/Concert	\$1,214.52
Revenue	\$1,604.00
Balance	\$389.48

The difference of \$389.48 was used to subsidize the expenses of the other Scribbles teachers above. We need to thank Ed Loosemore again for coordinating The Young Frankenstein theatre tickets and Kim Forte and her concert committee for working so hard on the concert and Raffetto Pasta Sale. We are grateful to all our families for their support. We could not have accomplished it without you.

To our Scribbles Families from the Staff:

It was a genuine pleasure getting to know you and your children. We look forward to seeing many of you again this fall. For our graduates going off to	Kindergarten, have a terrific time. You'll be missed. To all our families, have a wonderful summer.
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A big thank you to Lauren Smith's mom, Colleen Smith, for all her hard work on the newsletter. You did a great job!