

Pre-Kindergarten Update

April 2024

Academic Focus

March 2024 brought a ton of new experiences to our pre-k students as they focused on the [Bread Study](#). Children learned how bread is made, the kinds of bread we eat, how and when we eat bread, and how we create our own recipes for bread. Focus was placed on demonstrating fine motor strength, expanding their expressive vocabularies, comparing and measuring, and using emergent reading skills.



Mae Jemison- Ms. Burden

Students in Ms. Burden's class used the Bread Study to strengthen their science skills as they made their own dough. Others tasted different types of bread and created a graph of their favorite types of bread.

Chateaux- Ms. Brown

Watercolors were used to “paint” rainbow bread before students at Chateaux tasted it.



Markham Park- Ms. Castillo

Choice time was used to strengthen fine motor muscles as children created pizzas using different craft “toppings”. Students also practiced alphabet recognition using pizzas and letter cards.





Nob Hill- Ms. Crawford

Students used their math skills to play a donut game. They were encouraged to use their counting skills as well as one-to one correspondence as they placed "sprinkles" on the donut.



Markham Park-

Ms. Naggles

The Dramatic Play area was transformed into a bakery as children learned about the people who work with bread and how bread is made.



Kenootz Pizza

To culminate our Bread Study, all pre-k classrooms took a trip to Kenootz Pizza where each child was able to use different toppings to make their own personal pizza.



Highlands

Ms. Samara

More taste testing and letter recognition at Highlands.



STEAM Academy- Ms. Willis

Children at STEAM focused on enhancing their social skills. They placed focus on positive interactions with their peers as they interacted with the materials in the classroom.



Parent Involvement

On March 15, 2024 our Pre-K Parent Coordinators held their monthly Coffee & Conversations Workshop. Parents were invited to discuss tools for tackling parenting challenges and setting compassionate and kind boundaries with their child. Parent Coordinator Ms. Arostegui, provided strategies that encourage children to think for themselves, become more responsible, and have greater respect for themselves and others.



Upcoming Events

4/10/2024: Taste the Rainbow – A Parent and Child Healthy Food Tasting Party

4/12/2024: Parent Meeting 9:15am @ PLC

4/15/2024: PLC Meeting

4/23/2024: Parent Workshop 3:30pm @ PLC