

Yellow Group

June 2014 Newsletter

We've been busy bees since our last newsletter!

We finished up our farm theme after learning about different fruits and vegetables and how they grow. We tried cooking and made our own pizza. We tried growing a tomato plant only to have it eaten by a caterpillar! We also learned about bees, honey, and flowers. We even made some paper flowers for Ms. Yoko's birthday!



Anna Thuy showed Ms. Yoko which one she made.



The children crushed the tomatoes and then put them on the dough (made by the kitchen). Ms. Katy added the herbs. Then the children sprinkled shredded cheese on top. We ate them for lunch. Yum!

Then we moved onto Easter. We learned that rabbits move their ears to listen better and hear who or what is coming.

We learned a little about the egg and chicken life cycle. Then we dyed duck eggs with food coloring and vinegar. It was quite the smell! The "Easter bunny" took the eggs and hid them all over the place! We had to look inside and out! At snack that day, we ate our individual eggs after cracking and peeling them.



We had real, plastic, and clay eggs that we had to sort!

Our next topic was weather, which coincided nicely with the start of the rainy season! We learned about lightning and thunder, and that dark gray clouds mean rain's on its way! We also really enjoyed learning about rainbows and making a giant one for our classroom.



Learning about weather flowed smoothly into our elements theme. We began with air. We pretended to be airplanes in order to learn how to balance when we walked across blocks. We also made our own airplanes and zoomed around the classroom. We played with the parachute





Four little monkeys jumping on a bed!

outside and watched it fall over us. We loved jumping up and down on it and singing our counting songs! We also learned about our breath and blew pompoms across the floor.

Next, we learned about water and boats, rocks and crystals, and finally fire! We loved reading about firefighters. We also learned that



We couldn't touch them with our fingers!

only adults can use fire! However, we had a special activity where we used spray bottles to put out a lit candle. We had a fire drill, too, and remembered that we had to go downstairs together if we heard five bells.

The end of the year is coming soon and there will be some changes in store for next year! We are very proud of Oliver, Mana, and Sho who will go up to join the Big Kids class. Ms. Vi will stay along with the rest of the children, but Ms. Katy will take a Big Kids class at Smartkids Tran Ngoc Dien. The new teacher for the Yellow Group will be Ms. Natalia. She has already been in our class for a few weeks now. She and the children are already comfortable and familiar with each other.

The end of the year means that reports have gone out and portfolios will be sent home soon. Be prepared, the folders are quite big! The children will be very excited to show their families what they have made this year as well as photos of what they have been busing doing!

We will also be having a joint end of year party together with the Green Group. This will be held on June 26. More information about this will be available soon. Please try to come because it will

be a good opportunity to say goodbye to Ms. Katy and to get to know Ms. Natalia better. As a final thought, I (Ms. Katy) would like to say that I have really enjoyed teaching in the Yellow Group. I feel that I have really gotten to know the children well and I will look back on this particular year very fondly. This has been one of my favorite years, full of fun and special moments. I wish the best of luck to Ms. Natalia and know next year will

be wonderful, too! Have a wonderful summer! Take care! --Ms. Katy, Ms. Natalia, and Ms. Vi



Ms. Natalia showed May and the children how to make a picture of fire by blowing air through a straw to spread paint.

Ice painting! (Frozen paint) Brrrr!



Anna: "I do by myself."



Anna Thuy going through a rainy day obstacle course.

