

# News from the Blue Group



May 2015

## Look how much we've done!



We have been very busy since February! We celebrated lunar new year with dragon and lion dances. We learned about the year of the goat and the story of the Three Billy Goats' Gruff. Then we moved on to learning about other animals, beginning with birds. We learned about how daddy penguins look after the eggs.



To make the penguins, we blended chalk colors with our fingers.



We used goat and troll masks to act out the story.



After the dances, we looked at and touched the props. It was also fun to meet the dancers!

Then we learned about reptiles. We also learned about wolves and big cats. We had cheetah races and tried to see who could jump the farthest like a tiger. Then we moved onto talking about weird animals, such as the platypus and how they lay eggs.

We also talked about eggs in our next topic, Easter. We dyed eggs with shaving foam and food coloring and then had to hunt for them after the Easter bunny stole them from the fridge!



Pirates of the kitchen.



The children have really enjoyed exploring the topic of animals. We've learned about how they collaborate, care for their young, and how they stay safe from predators.



Measuring how far we could jump helped us learn the fun and value of numbers!



We found that highlighters glowed under a special light! We decorated our hands and had fun dancing as a swarm of jellyfish.



We've celebrated Selma's birthday (5) and Ms. Katy's, who has been told she is "so super old now." We've begun talking about what will be happening after the summer, such as who will be moving to a new country, who will be going to a new school, and who will be staying in the Blue Group. Reports will be sent home at the end of this month. Portfolios will also be sent home in June. If you are leaving sooner than the end of the year, please let Ms. Katy know so she can prepare your child's portfolio in time. In June, we will have an end of the year party. Details will be available soon.

We also explored under the sea. We tried seaweed and learned about animals that glow in the dark. Then we moved on to learning about dinosaurs, fossils and how animals change over time!

We made our own fossils with dinosaur footprints and impressions.



Exploring symmetry.  
We've also been having fun with some of our favorite things, like playing games, riding bikes, making silly monsters, and dancing!



Have a great rest of the year! ~ Ms. Katy, Ms. Vy, and Ms. Juliette