



March 2020
EELC- Imperial



Cookie Making!

Cultural Showcase

The groups took part in learning about the Irish Culture.

Liz's group ripped pieces of construction paper in colors of orange and green to represent the colors on the Ireland flag. They then used their fine motor skills to put pieces on white paper and glue them on to create mosaic flags.

Jessica's group were very interested in Irish music. So they found some on U-Tube and listened to the different instruments in some of the Irish songs. They also did some dancing to the music and used colored scarves to dance around like the Irish dancers in the videos.

Faron's group took the time to look at structures and history that was interesting in Ireland. The group loved looking at pictures of old castles and buildings. We created a few of our own thru Lego and building blocks. All groups participated in a short scavenger hunt to find gold for St. Patrick's Day.

Director's Message

Parent's I would like to take this time to thank you for all of your kind words, understanding and support during these very difficult and unpredictable times.

I would also like to acknowledge the amazing work of the supervisors and educators to ensure children felt safe, secure and continued to have fun during such stressful times. Their dedication and caring attitude has never been more apparent. Once again, we want to assure you that we will resume operations as soon as possible and that your child/ren's space in the centre are secure. Rest assured that no fees are required during our closure or to secure your space. We will share relevant updates from the Ministry of Education as they come available.

Thank you for your continued support. Please be safe and be well.

Supervisor's Message

I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding through this difficult time. My staff and I will miss spending time with your amazing children and the daily interactions with you. We hope everyone takes care of themselves and family and we will see you very soon.

*Life's too short to wake up with regrets.
 So love the people who treat you right,
 forgive the ones who don't and believe that
 everything happens for a reason.
 If you get a chance, take it. If it changes
 your life, let it. Nobody said it'd be easy,
 they just promised it would be worth it.*

-- Dr. Seuss

Maria's Jr. Preschool Group

For March, the children were interested in learning all about space. Space is such a wide topic, so we decided to learn and focus on a few planets such as the sun, moon, stars and earth. During story time we read books related to the planets, we also enjoyed reading important facts about the sun, moon, stars and earth. The children were amazed to know that the sun is a giant star, like a ball of fire, which also provides light and heat to the earth. They were inspired to create a big ball of fire just like the sun we saw and talked about in the books.

Each child in the group enjoyed drawing the sun, they painted the sun deep orange resembling fire. We learned that when red paint and yellow paint are mixed together, we get deep orange paint. The next few days, we tore little bits of yellow construction paper making a big sun collage. We painted recycled paper plates yellow and made little planets as well. The group made models of sun, stars, moon and earth with our sparkly space play dough. As the children are still curious to learn about space, we will continue to learn more in the coming months.

Faron's Famous Brownie Recipe:

1 ½ cups of Flour
1 tsp of Salt
2 cups of sugar
½ cup of cocoa
2 tsp of vanilla
1 cup of oil
4 eggs
¼ cup of water
½ cup of choc. Chips

Put in order into a bowl. Mix all together to remove all lumps. Pour into a 9 X 13 pan. Cook at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Let cool and ice if you please. ENJOY!



The jr preschool group exploring babies.

Liz's Toddler/Junior Preschool Group

This month, we have new friends joining into our group. We were focusing to get to know each other and learn how to play nicely together. Children enjoyed to play with kinetic sand or play dough to make sand castle, cookies, or foods. Children showed each other their creation and talked about it. This sensory activities led them to practice their gross and fine motor skills and social interaction. Most of the children enjoyed to play on the kitchen area. They enjoyed to pretend to cook for each other and staff. This pretend play allowed children to practice to share and taking turns skill. When children were playing in kitchen they talked to each other what kind of fruits or vegetables they have on their plate. This led our group to do coloring fruits and vegetables and talked about our favorite fruits and vegetables. This coloring activity help them to practice three finger grip and eye-hand coordination to color in the lines. Also, they painted their own creation of fruits or vegetables. Children had fabulous time to paint with brush. When they were done, some of them talked about what they draw on their paper.



Fun Activities we want to give our families that we have done in the center. We hope this can provide some fun and entertainment, not only for your children but for your whole family. Activities, supplies needed and instructions included!

Glitter Slime

- Elmer's Clear Glue (6oz)
- 2 tablespoons of water
- Glitter
- ½ teaspoon of baking soda
- Liquid food coloring
- 1-1.5 tablespoons of Contact lens solution



Best Ever No-Cook Play Dough Recipe

- 2 cups of plain flour (all purpose)
- 4 tablespoons of vegetable oil
- ½ cup salt
- 2 tablespoons of cream of tartar
- Up to 1.5 cups of boiling water (added in increments until you get the right consistency)
- Food coloring (optional)

Step 1 – Add all dry ingredients, mix and make a well

Step 2 – Add wet ingredients in a separate bowl, then combine into dry ingredients slowly.

Unbreakable Bubble Recipe

- 3 cups of water
- 1 cup of liquid dish detergent
- ½ cup of white corn syrup

Simply stir the ingredients together to make the bubble solution. You can also use dark corn syrup just as easily as white corn syrup, but the solution will be colored. You can also add food coloring or glow paint to color the bubbles.



Homemade Air Dry Clay:

- 2 cup baking soda
- 1 cup corn starch
- 1 ½ cup water

Directions:

Combine and stir baking soda and corn starch. Add in water and stir until everything is thoroughly wet. Place on stove over medium heat and cook until the ingredients form a ball. Remove from stove and knead to reduce water. Once excess water is removed, knead on cutting board with corn starch until smooth and cool.

Chocolate Play Dough:

- 2 cups water
- 1 ½ cup white flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 tablespoon oil
- 1 ½ teaspoon cream of tartar

Directions:

Combine all ingredients in pan. Stir over medium heat till combined and the dough begins to form. Remove from heat. Allow to cool properly to knead with hands. If too sticky, add more flour.



Puffy Paint:

¼ Cup Flour, 1-3 Drops Food Coloring, ¼ Cup White Glue, ¾ Cup Shaving Cream OR One half Shaving Cream and One half White Glue, Drops of food coloring

Mix ingredients together and paint on cardboard as may soak through paper



No-mess Shaving Cream Bags

- Large Ziploc bag
- Shaving cream
- Food coloring
- Duct tape

Fill one bag 2/3 of the way with shaving cream, drop in a couple of drops of food coloring. Gently squish the air out of the bag, sealing the top and then taping the closure. Then allow the children to squish the bag to incorporate the color and draw letters/shapes/numbers on the bag using their fingers. Simply squish the bag to start over!



Bubble Foam:

2 parts water to 1 part sunlight detergent—or any children's bubble bath

Food color—optional

Mix with electric mixer until peaks are formed---have fun



Sun Catcher/Wind Spinners:

An old CD, foam stickers, gem stickers, permanent markers, fishing wire

Have your child decorate the CD as you wish and then tie a fishing wire to hang from your tree or window.



Edible Pudding Slime:

1/4 Cup Instant Pudding Mix, 1 Cup Corn Starch, 1/3 Cup Warm Water

Add instant pudding mix and half of your cornstarch into a mixing bowl. Add 1/3 cup of water and stir until slime begins to form (it will be pretty sticky at this point). Slowly add the rest of the cornstarch, stirring as you go. When slime thickens and is hard to stir with a spoon, finish by kneading by hand. Knead for 3-5 minutes.

If it is still sticky – add a bit more corn starch

If it is still too dry – add a bit more water

Ice painting:

Freeze colored ice cubes, using food coloring and Popsicle sticks inserted and have the children paint, and create new colors



Jessica's Preschool Group

The preschoolers had an out of this world experience exploring the many wonders of space! Together we researched information on the moon, sun, and the other planets in our solar system and what makes Earth different than them. We worked together to make a model of the solar system and each helped paint the planets, this activity helped us learn the order that the planets are in. For a science activity the children enjoyed making black sparkly space playdoh. Using the playdoh to create planets, asteroids and other space objects helped them work on their fine motor development and strengthen their hands muscles. Fun art activities we did included making a star painting, puffy paint moons, and aliens in spaceships that we hung from the ceiling. For gross motor activities we danced to space songs and together learned how planets orbit around the sun by using our bodies as the planets and a child in the middle to be the sun. The preschoolers enjoyed using their imagination to put on their space suits and together climbed onto our space ship and flew to outer space (the bathroom) where there were glow in the dark stars and planets put all over the walls. We shut the door and the children laughed and cheered with excitement! We then decided to fly to the moon and other planets, by pretending that our outdoor clothing was our space gear. We landed on the moon, (basketball court) and slowly walked and bounced around while looking for space rocks.



Sr. Preschool group explores space!

Faron's / Shanti's Pre K / Kinder Group

The group decided they wanted to explore the topic of butterflies and rainbows this month. This all stemmed from a staff saying to a child in the group, "It's okay – it's all butterflies and rainbows!" We laughed about the saying as a group and explore why they are even put together in that saying, but they actually discussed that we would like to know more about each thing. We started off by exploring the life cycle of a butterfly and learning about the 4 life stages of an egg, caterpillar, chrysalis and butterfly. We watched a video about the process and learned how long a caterpillar lives in the chrysalis to become the beautiful butterfly. We did a creative arts activity where we created our own monarch butterflies with orange tissue paper and black construction paper. Our group played a board game based off of the book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." The group used their problem solving skills, worked together and took turns to finish the game. We needed to count throughout the game as well as use our memory. The children were also very interested in rainbows and how rainbows are created. We did a natural science experiment, where we put a prism into some water and let the sun shine through to create our own rainbow. The group discussed the colors and how it was created.



Kinder group making Brownies for Z99 Radiothon Bakesale



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