

Below: Two Butterflies hanging out on 'the ship'



BUTTERFLIES CONT'D...

May comes with its own excitement: The first week of May is Teacher appreciation Week. Friday, May 8th, is our 'Mothers and Grandmothers Lunch' in the Butterfly room. Our room is also having a 'Pajama and Homemade Ice Cream Party' towards the middle of May and hopefully we will see more sunny days for our playground fun:).

*****Please***** BRING IN YOUR CHILD'S SUNBLOCK IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, SUNNY DAYS ARE IN THE FORECAST AND WE DON'T WANT ANY SUNBURNS*****

Please make sure you have warm and cool weather clothes in their cubbies for changes, we have lots of fun outside and sometimes the kids get messy. Also, please turn in schedule changes involving summer changes and Memorial Weekend (we will be closed Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day).

Thank you to everyone who participated in Parent Conferences, it was a pleasure to share how the kids are blossoming! Have a happy May!!!

Teacher Dorothy, Teacher Erin, Hannah and Chrystal :)

DRAGONFLIES

We have been having so much fun enjoying springtime and its lovely weather! We lucked out on the good spring weather with the last field trip we went on. We went to Andy Lovering's physiology lab to tie in with our study on bodies. What a great time! We took the city bus there. When we got there, we got to see how Andy's heart looked and worked on a monitor, the kids got to ride on a kids sized exercise bike and they got to check out how much air they could blow out of their lungs with a computer program. It was a great hands on experience learning about the human body and it was great for them to see what a real lab looks like!

We also got to have a picnic in the beautiful sunshine to top off the day. Thank you Andy for inviting us and providing a great learning experience. I also want to thank all of the parents who were able to come. Thank you Sean, Tina, and Nika! We wouldn't be able to go on field trips without the help of parents.

We will be going on a few more field trips in the remainder of the year. We will keep you posted as soon as they get scheduled!

Before we studied bodies, we studied eggs. We learned what they are for, which animals lay eggs, and the kinds of nests that are built for them. We made nests and got to go to the garden to find



Above: The Butterflies on their fieldtrip to the animal hospital

Middle: The 'rocket ship' that the Butterflies built

Bottom: Thanks to Jayden Myers who brought in her bunny for share day!



Below: The Dragonflies during their Pajama party





Top: Some dragonflies building a tower

Middle: A Dragonfly trying out a heart monitoring bicycle.

Bottom: Some Otters demonstrating what might live in the caves they created.



The Dragonflies & Otters
enjoying lunch at Mt. Pisgah



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a hidden egg with an egg laying creature inside of it! We also made french toast as a class for lunch during that week.

Speaking of eggs, some of our millions of (water) snail eggs finally hatched! When they get a little bigger, if you would like snails for your fish tank at home, please feel free to talk to us to take them home. They are great for keeping the tank clean.

We really appreciate all of the parents who made it for conferences. All of your children are doing wonderfully and we are very proud of all of their accomplishments. We will be completing the DIBELS reading assessments next month and we will let you know where they are with that. Thank you for all of your communication and support! Enjoy the springtime weather!

Sincerely, Jessica Kellar and Gwyn Kulak

Below: The Dragonflies on their field trip to the U of O physiology lab



OTTERS

Hello families! Well spring is springing and summer is almost here. Just a reminder to bring some extra summer clothes and sun screen if you have not already brought some in. As it gets warmer outside we will be in the garden and doing a lot more outside activities. We have already pulled weeds, turned soil, and planted a lot of vegetables in the garden! Also, as summer gets closer we will be going on more field trips, so look for info in your mail box. Have a great spring!

Ryan