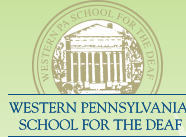


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A Delicious Journey Through the World of Cooking

Patty Greeno, Language Lab Coordinator

Every Wednesday, after school, 21 students gathered together to learn about cooking. They were students from Kindergarten through 4th Grade who participated in Language Lab. This program emphasizes learning vocabulary and language concepts in creative, motivating ways.

This year we learned about various styles of cooking, some ethnic recipes, interesting shortcuts, types of pots/pans and utensils we could use and, best of all, trying new tantalizing tastes.

The students learned about sautéing, boiling, microwaving, steaming, baking, churning, freezing and other methods of preparing and storing food. Vocabulary incorporated into these lessons included words such as temperature, raw, bacteria, bamboo steamers, pierogies, dice, refried beans and blender. We cooked foods, completed worksheets related to foods, and practiced, practiced, practiced our presentations for our food tasting event.

Families, friends and teachers attended our event, giving us a chance to tell them about what we had learned and also to let them taste our delicious delicacies.

Language Lab is a great opportunity for our kindergarteners to learn new concepts while spending time with older peers. Their collaborations on creating new foods were experiences that they can benefit from for years to come.



Save the Date!

CC Zoo Trip

May 14

May Day

May 22

Kindergarten
Play,
Graduation &
1st Grade
Orientation

June 4

Preschool
Summer
School

June 29 – July 24

Spring Has Sprung!

Michelle Zelei, Preschool Teacher

Spring is always an exciting time of year in the Children's Center! Two highlights this month were our Easter celebration and Earth Day.

On April 2nd, our students enjoyed a day of Easter activities before the start of spring break! We started off the day with the book, *The Legend of Jellybean and the Unbreakable Egg*, written by Joe Troiano. For snack we put together our own fruit kabobs with a bunny peep on top for a bite of something sweet. Afterward, we enjoyed a variety of activities: we had an egg hunt in our playroom, we made our own bunny ears from cotton balls and we even had a chance to dye our own eggs!

On April 22nd, we celebrated Earth Day! We learned about the importance of caring for the Earth and ways to keep it clean. We enjoyed the book *Mickey Goes Green*, before having a special Earth Day snack. We spread blue and green cream cheese on a rice cake to make it look just like the Earth. After snack, we learned about recycling and practiced sorting recyclables that we use at school: paper, plastic and metal. It was wonderful to see the students so excited about helping to keep our environment clean and safe.



Learning at school is so much fun!