Splishing and Splashing!

Our school-wide Water theme started off with a splash! The first week, the children answered the question, “Where do you see water?” They had many great answers: a swimming pool, the water table in the Discovery Area, a bathtub and at the beach. We read stories like, “Amazing Water” by Melvin Berger and “Watch What Happens” by Marsha Grant to find out more about the three different forms of water and the special things that water can do. The second week, we began to learn about the water cycle. We listened to songs like the “Water Cycle Boogie,” acted out the water cycle and did science experiments to show evaporation, condensation and precipitation! The children explored water through the use of funnels, tubes, fountains and art projects that highlighted water.
WONDERFUL WATER

(STARTING WITH TOP-LEFT AND MOVING CLOCKWISE...)

- Wesley collecting water from the fountain and pouring at the water table.
- Carlos painting with water and color-bleeding tissue paper to make a sea turtle shell.
- James feeling ice and watching it begin to melt.
- Mr. Salinetro explaining the WaterAid banks.
- Rhiannon showing off her snowball.
During the third week, we began to think about how we use water. Each friend chose a type of flower or vegetable that they would like to grow and helped to plant the seeds. The children have also enjoyed playing with bubbles, sponges and spray bottles as well as reading funny stories like, “To Bathe a Boa” by C. Imbior Kudrna and “But No Elephants” by Jerry Smath.

In our final week, we learned about how vital it is that everybody has clean drinking water. We have continued adding coins to our classroom bank. Thank you for helping your child to collect coins at home for WaterAid’s construction of wells in Africa. Over the month we had many special visitors who helped to present a diverse look at water.

Water is important and so are you!

Thank you to wastewater engineer, Anna Mehrotra, who demonstrated Pittsburgh’s filtration system with assistance from her son, Naveen (4’s group). Also, thank you to concert pianist, Yeeha Chiu (and grandmother of Kiana in the Kindergarten). We had the pleasure of listening to her play different water-themed music. We also appreciate Basil’s mom, Amy Kim, who was happy to get messy making Slime with friends and Chris Grill (Rhiannon and Shaylee’s father) who surfaced at the school with full scuba gear!

Last but not least, thank you to everyone for making the Family Festival truly special! See the last page for pictures!

Mrs. Tomer  Miss Stevens  Mr. Salinetro
FUN AT FAMILY FESTIVAL!

(STARTING WITH TOP LEFT AND MOVING CLOCKWISE)

- Lena brushing teeth with University of Pittsburgh Dental Students.
- A friend playing with glow sticks in water.
- Emma and Natalie painting with water.
- Joya and Sally washing baby dolls.
- Tayshawn and new friends exploring the fountain.