Getting Wild at The Children’s School...
As we entered our last month together in the Blue and Red Rooms, we started exploring the Rain Forest and all of the things that grow there. We also took advantage of the many exciting events on campus and at the school. From looking at the buggies during Carnival to following the growing chicks in the Kindergarten, our last weeks together were full of excitement, wonder and fun!

Our Rain Forest unit incorporated literature and play as we soaked up information about animals and plants. We looked at books like “Who’s Hiding?” and “Who Lives in the Rainforest?” by Susan Canizares and “If I Ran the Rainforest” by Bonnie Worth. We also enjoyed stories like “Rain Forest” by Helen Cowcher, “The Wide-mouthed Frog” by Keith Faulkner and “The Rainbow Fish” by Marcus Pfister. We learned about many different animals including the jaguar, the sloth and the toucan, and we were able to investigate artifacts lent to us by the Carnegie Museum. We held the skin of a 10 ft. anaconda, and we saw the skull and teeth of a jaguar. It was really interesting to see a real toucan, parrot and small monkey specimens in display boxes. Rainforest animal toys inhabited the sand table, the water table and the block areas, allowing the children to incorporate their newly gained knowledge into their play.
Friends loved seeing the buggies made by the CMU students. The students loved seeing us and answering questions even more!

Greta and Emma adding rosettes, or spots, to the recently painted jaguar.

To help us understand animal homes in the rain forest, we thought about our own homes and where we eat and sleep.

The morning Blue Room friends enjoying the sun on a campus tricycle ride!

After 21 days of waiting and watching the incubating eggs, the chicks hatched and we watched them grow!

Lena comparing the blooming flowers on the playground.

Feathered friends, Red (left) and Bette (right) visit The Children’s School from the National Aviary.
Birthdays and a final thank you...

In the morning Blue Room, we celebrated Mae’s birthday with her mother and father and in the afternoon, Raekyeong’s family joined us for her birthday and Maya D-W’s parents shared her special day with us! Favorite stories, snacks and time spent with families were highlights of those days. Some of our friends have birthdays in the summer, so for Clark, Rohan, Boden and Collin, we had a group birthday celebration complete with singing and popsicles!

We want to say a most sincere thank you for the ways in which the families contributed this year. We greatly appreciate all of the stories read, yoga poses taught, French lessons given and talents and interests shared. It was a privilege to work with you and a joy to teach your children and watch them grow throughout the year.

Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

Mrs. Tomer       Mrs. Flynn        Mr. Salinetro

The Teddy Bear Picnic

To celebrate our year together at The Children’s School, the children each brought one of their favorite toys to share. Our rooms were filled with puppies, bears, giraffes and even a lobster and a forklift! The friends had so much fun telling everyone about their special toy and hearing “The Teddy Bears’ Picnic” by Jimmy Kennedy.