The Green Room finished the school year with a focus on the oceans and spring time...

What a wonderful way to close the school year, with an imaginary trip to the ocean and experiencing the wonders of the spring season. The children learned about the different levels of the oceans, the salty waters, and many of the fish and sea creatures. Through our art activities, the Green Room friends created a beautiful ocean mural that transformed the dramatic play center into an imaginary ocean setting complete with sharks, whales, sea stars, sea horses, lobsters, fish, plants and a rocking boat. Popular activities included; watching Mrs. Solomon debone a smoked white fish, and then making a fish dip for snack. Sand art, fish puppets, an ocean scavenger hunt, the Go Fish card game, magnetic alphabet fishing with poles, Beach Bingo, and, writing and drawing; If I lived in the ocean I would be a...! We enjoyed singing many ocean related songs, and examinied a variety of ocean artifacts on the science table. On the book shelves and at circle time, we read fiction and nonfiction books about the ocean. Other activities included the Guessing Jar, Number and Letter Journals, woodworking, and taking care of our pet worms, and frogs. The Green Room friends had a marviliou learning opportunity to watch chicken eggs hatch into adorable chicks (30 in all, blonde and black!) thanks to our Kindergarten friends. The chicks were taken back to the...
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Newsworthy Events

The green Room friends had several opportunities to take advantage of unique experiences planned by Carnegie Mellon’s campus organizations. We celebrated **Earth Day** with three events. The children had a pleasant walk on campus to view local birds of prey. The afternoon Green and Blue Room friends also celebrated with a delightful group of 12 older children; guests of parents that work at Carnegie Mellon to participate in **Take Your Sons and Daughters To Work Day**. Everyone received a flower pot to decorate, with a petuna to plant. The children also planted petunas in the flower box in our outdoor classroom. All the children planted together, and played outside. We all had fun! We continued to feed our classroom worms and used their castings for our sunflower, bean, and pea planting.

Earth Day Recognition in the Green Room, making newspaper flower pots, & planting sunflower seeds

**MORE SPECIAL EXPERIENCES**

Stories, music, dancing, and fingerplays with Ms. Laurel who came from the Carnegie Library.

We visited the CMU Robotics Center, where the children were invited to observe the Red Rover, a camera robot that is scheduled to be launched to explore the moon in 2013.

We walked to the Carnegie Library for their annual puppet show. This year’s book was *Strega Nona*, by Tommi de Paola.

Earth Day plantings and worm feeding.

Square Dancing with Ms. McMichael for an end of the year celebration, with mixed age groups.
We asked the children what they could do now that could not in the beginning of the school year, and here are their delightful answers!

Cora- I can use the computer and the monkey bars on the playground.

Sydney Sw- I can build with Lego. “I couldn’t snap them on.

Nina- I can make paper snow flakes.

Delia- I can use a paper hole puncher.

Carter- I can write numbers now.

Ryan- Now I can build.

Kouta- can build.

Gray- I could not connect the “No-Ends” before but now I can.

Harlyn- Now I can write my last name.

Mark- I can build in the block center.

Jonas- I was shy and didn’t talk to everyone. Now I know everyone and talk a lot.

Ian- I am building very high and stacking.

Grace- I don’t need my mom at school.

Andrew- I can tell stories.

Bryce- I can ride the bikes.

Eddie- I can write my name.

Charlotte- I learned how to use the computer.

Michael- I know how to make slime.

Kabir- I learned how to play T-ball.

Trey- I can use scissors.

Madeleine- I learned how to rock on a boat.

Simon- I can count to 1,108 by ones.

Peter- I can answer questions for the Sharing Bag.

Roland- I learned how to share.

Sebastian- I can read and write.

Elias- I learned to be a kind friend, read, and I learned how to share.

Jacob- I know I can cut paper with scissors.

Sydney Sh- I learned how to do the Sharing Bag.

Mack- I learned to cut paper.

Anna- I learned how to paint.

Julia Now I know how to cut with scissors.

Sophia- I can write words and numbers.

Caroline- I learned about fish and can do a puppet show.

Kasim- I can write K A S I M.

Joby- I know how to read.

Oscar- I learned to write my first and last names.

Harrison- I learned to do my letter journal.

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To paraphrase our end of the day song: “We had a good year...see you next time...at the Children’s School or somewhere in the community.” We hope your child leaves for the summer hungry to learn more; A little stronger, and more vibrant than when he or she entered the Green Room in September:

BIG thank you parents for your support during the school year, and thanks again for a wonderful year. We enjoyed being your child’s teachers. Our best wishes for a safe and fun filled summer.

Warmly,

Jean Bird
Jillian Mangan
Violet McGillen
Kasim proudly shows his drawing of a hermit crab shell, after hearing the story *A HOUSE FOR A HERMIT CRAB* by Eric Carle.

Peter and Simon drew daffodils and quince flowers with markers, and added color with paint.

Eddie, Michael, and Bryce used magnetic fishing poles to catch letters.

Mack and Kasim measured water to prepare pancake batter for a birthday snack.

Madeleine, Elias, and Jake played a game of Beach Bingo.

Sebastian studied our classroom worms.

Julia, Carter, Sydney, Eddie, Harlyn, Mark, Bryce, and Cora learned about salt in the oceans.
Proudly Joby showed his octopus.

Making lobsters are Sydney Sh. Michael, Harrison and Joby.

Sophia, Anna, and Mark enjoyed tasting smoked white fish. So much that they ate almost the whole fish!

The afternoon friends posed in front of an ocean of sea horses with Ms. Mangan and Mrs. Solomon.

Square Dance Hoe Down with the AM 5's and 4's.