

TP4L Newsletter

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From the Director

Mr. Ollie

This week was genuinely remarkable. Despite the demands of the job and position, I was able to go outside with the kids and truly smell the flowers. I enjoyed it tremendously. Ms. Geraldine sings to her students during their walk, and they sing back to her. Ms. Ivonne is constantly teaching and sparking the students' inquisitive nature about their environment.



Also, I was able to share Antonio Vivaldi and Richard Wagner with the kids. They loved it. Mainly they took nicely to Wagner. Leilani and Donovan joined me in conducting Wagner's [Ride of the Valkyries](#). What a great week!!!

Please visit the following site to learn about the benefits of classical music for your children: <https://www.alphasdiscoveryclub.com/benefits-listening-classical-music-young-children/>



*** On a more somber note, I must report to all our families that Ms. Edith has been asked to address personal matters before she can resume her employment with TP4L. We hope she does so quickly. As you know, since joining TP4L on March 1, I have been working hard to secure group teachers and assistant teachers for TP4L and will continue to do so.

“Imagination does not become great until human beings, given the courage and the strength, use it to create.” — Maria Montessori

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A Week At-A-Glance

- **Practical Life:** *Rolling/Unrolling a carpet; Carrying a tray*
- **Sensorial:** *Property of water*
- **Language:** *American sign language and the letter L*
- **Math:** *Counting 1-6*
- **Care of self:** *Belly breathing and personal space*



Ladybugs

Ms. Ivonne – Head Teacher

WHAT IS WATER?

This week the Ladybug/Butterfly (post-COVID) mixed-age classroom provided the children with a developmentally appropriate introduction to the properties of water, the number 6, the color red, sharing, and the concepts of personal space, being good helpers, and using words instead of tears to get your way—in a fun way.

All week long, they were exposed to language (in English and Spanish and letters in American Sign Language), concepts (opposites: liquid versus solids and matter) and understanding that WATER is essential TO OUR LIVES; OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, AND TO OUR WORLD!

We talked about how we see/use water lives. Children who have been with TP4L since infancy guided the discussion (Kudos to Lelani, Ilya, Cairo, and Mickey!). They explained how water is used for brushing teeth, bathing, washing dishes, washing hands, swimming, and putting out fires.



We celebrated World Ocean Day on June 8th with popcorn and a movie (Finding Nemo).

We conducted science experiments to see how water moves to form the shape of the container and tested various containers to see firsthand how some containers are better than others. The paper and boxes were not too good. To quote Donovan: “plastic was better.”



We also reviewed counting six objects all week long, searching for red, and enjoying the beautiful outdoors and our new indoor recreation room. Special thanks to Charlotte’s family for bringing fruit for Charlotte to share and Donovan’s mom for getting the avocado seed we are now watching daily.

Thank you all for sharing your children with us!



Dragonfly

Ms. Geraldine



This week in the Dragonfly room, we asked the children, what is water, and how do we use it? For our sensorial lesson, we showed them how we use water. We took a basin and added some water plus two fish to explain how important water is for us to keep our water clean. We used a photo showing them an illustration of a person holding a cup of water and drinking from it. We discussed using water for hand washing, swimming, feeding our plants, and cleaning our surroundings. Red was the color of the week, and we changed our water to that color. For our language lesson, we introduced the letter L. We used lemon for our project and had the children color the letter L with yellow paint. During math, we stacked all our red blocks along with our red water bottles and counted them. The children had a fun week in our classroom and learned many new things. Have a great weekend.



Have a great week!



Sisters



***“For there is no friend like a sister
In calm or stormy weather.***

To cheer one on the tedious way,

To fetch one if one goes astray,

To lift one if one totters down,

To strengthen whilst one stands”

— Christina Rossetti

