



# Nest Notes

May 14, 2021

Dear Center Nest Parents,

I cannot believe we only have two weeks of school left! Summer will be welcomed by all, and we hope to see a typical school year in August! With that being said, if you do not have your registration paperwork solidified for August already, please do so. Our classroom fills up quickly for the full days, and as we come to the end of our state executive orders, we expect to go back to a normal year.

This week the children were engaged in many practical life lessons, with simple activities like transferring, scooping, and pouring. We introduced a new lesson called sponge squeezing water transfer (using a garlic press); I set up this activity with a garlic press, a container of water with sponge pieces, and an empty container to squeeze the water into. With this lesson, the children insert the little sponge piece and squeeze it over the empty container to catch the water. Then, they remove the sponge, put it back into the full water container, and grab another. This is repeated until the water is all gone and has been transferred to the other container. The children love the stimulation they get from feeling the water trickle down their hands and from visually watching it move from place to place. This is an excellent way for your child to practice their dexterity and gross motor skills and learn about the properties of water in the process. They will intuitively begin to grasp the concept of absorption as they work with the sponges.

Miss Alicia brought the rhythm sticks this week. The children practiced playing soft, loud, slow, and fast. We marched around the classroom while playing them; it was so much fun!!!

Please touch base with me if you have any questions about our last day of school, our moving up ceremony, or classroom party.

## Important Announcements:

- Thank you so much to Alina A. and Juliana B. for organizing our end-of-the-year party.
- Thank you so much to Kirsten C., who is going to take care of the food and crafts for the party.
- Thursday, May 27th at 9:00 am will be our virtual moving up ceremony, followed by our end-of-the-year party at 10:00 am.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ashley and Rosa.





Sophie is making a necklace for mommy!!!



Ethan is squeezing sponges with a garlic press.



Santi is working with the shaped star hold puncher.



Children enjoying music class with Miss Alicia.



Zachary is working with the open and close lesson.