Dear Parents,

This week the children began choosing their colors for our Spring Fling project! We are creating a canvas. Our themed saying is, “To our children we give two things: one is roots, the other wings.” We cannot wait to present our project to all of you! March will be here before we know it! Beautiful projects take time, so we began this week! Our artwork will be one of the live auction items at the event. Please plan to come. I know I am early with this, but we are all busy and need time to plan. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 28th, for yummy food, fun, silent and live auction items, as well as an awesome cause. The funds benefit our financial assistance program and our classroom environments.

Music, Reading, and Skills…
This week during music class we have been having fun with Ms. Alicia and the maracas. We continued with music, movement, following directions, and lots of fun! We have also been spending more time this week, and will through the end of our year, on our reading curriculum, Words in Color. The children are also taking in Spanish while we watch Little Pim. Ms. Rosa reiterates the Spanish, and I the English. Many skills are also being acquired as we gain the patience to sit and watch, listen and repeat, concentrate, and respect our friends as to not stand in front of them.

Baking…
We are back into baking on Wednesdays and we baked our banana oat cookies this week. The children love to cook. Engaging children in cooking greatly aids in their concentration, coordination, fine motor, independence, and order. While we cook at school, incorporating it at home is wonderful for the child as well. Remember to add time into your schedule as when working with children, they are not as fast as we are and they need their time to process and complete their task.

Conferences-
I have begun Parent-Teacher conferences this month. I can coordinate a day during the week which will work with Rosa to play with your child on our playground while we meet at the end of our day at 3:00pm. I am also happy to meet with you at 7:30am but cannot offer childcare during this time. While I will be contacting each parent to schedule your time, please do not hesitate to contact me also if you have a specific time that works for you.
Valentine's Day is this next Friday which we will celebrate during our week by baking special healthy cupcakes, and enjoying with 50/50 (watered down) apple juice for a treat. If you would like to send in any Valentines with your child, please only fill in the from portion so each child will know who gave them their Valentine. This is optional as we do not do the traditional Valentine bags as with the Primary classes.

The toddlers do not yet have the attention span to sit for the amount of time to complete the Valentine distribution. We will place them in each child's Friday folder.

Have a great weekend!
Ms. Christine and Ms. Rosa
Thank you to:

The Haspel Family for healthy snack the week of September 3rd

The Pallegar Family for healthy snack this week of September 9th

Coach Taylor for his addition of our small basketball hoop