

With all the beautiful weather, extra outdoors time, and fun and engaging activities we had going on, it would be difficult to have anything short (no pun intended) of an amazing week!

### Highlights:

We kicked off this week with a SUPER fun Monday (Monday's are the BEST here in room 1!). Being that it was Earth Day, we first cleaned out our cubbies and folders and went through everything to see if it can be reused or recycled. Afterwards, we took a really nice walk through the neighborhood and brought paper bags to collect trash. Don't worry parents, we only collected things that were safe to touch such as paper, plastic bags, plastic water bottles, zip-locks, and foil. The kids really enjoyed this and I especially loved all the conversations happening about getting more involved within their own communities with you all! A few weeks ago we read a Scholastic News article about leaving only footprints and taking only pictures when we're outside in nature. The article taught us a lot about the three R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) and Earth Day. We wanted to recycle and reuse some more things in our classroom so we made earth day crayons! We took the broken bits and pieces of crayons that no one used, melted them down, and made new ones! Some of us chose to use only green, blue and white so their new "crayons" looked like earth:) What a fun way to bring back what we know about solid and liquids (what did the crayons look like before? during? after? why?) Makes for a fun activity you can do with your child at home, too!

We finished our first Frog and Toad book on Tuesday! I'm so happy all of your children loved it and are interested in reading the next book in the series. Everybody wrote Toad a letter to send him because he always gets so sad when it's time for the mail to come since he never gets anything from the snail (get it?) I see a pen pals project in the future..

This week's Scholastic News article was an interesting one about chameleons, their eggs (how appropriate this time of year), and introduced us to a few new vocabulary words such as clutch, pipping, hatch, and hatchlings. We talked about how mammals differ from birds and reptiles, what other animals lay eggs, snakes that can swallow their food whole, etc.

### Reminders:

- SCREEN-FREE WEEK NEXT WEEK! I've asked your children to each come up with a list of at least five different activities they can do instead of being in front of a screen to bring to school on Tuesday. Please remind them and feel free to do this together!
- No school tomorrow and Monday.
- We will be saying the Pledge the rest of next week, too. Please make sure your child is on time.

Happy Easter to everyone who celebrates this Sunday! Have a GREAT four-day weekend and see you all Tuesday:)

-Ms. Anna