



Trying spring colors.



Bridge for "Three Billy Goats Gruff"

enrichment group "Museum without Walls," during which they read *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, then worked in collaborative groups to build bridges using specific materials. Their challenge was to create a bridge strong enough to hold three model goats and tall enough for the troll to stand beneath it.

OLDER SCHOOL-AGERS

Older school-agers started working with Classroom Inc.'s Chelsea Bank computer simulation (<http://www.classroominc.org/programs/classic-simulations/>) that exposes students to the banking and topics such as check negotiability, fraud, bribery, and credit, engaging them in counting and tallying cash, helping them read workplace documents critically, evaluate credit card applications, and explain business decisions in writing. School-agers also enjoyed a spring break bowling trip and a pizza lunch.

Howard

Howard Milbert, Executive Director

creating pinwheels, and blowing soap bubbles skyward; learned the color yellow; searched for yellow forsythias in our neighborhood; and hunted Easter eggs in our garden, filling handmade baskets.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Universal Pre-Kindergarten classes took a tour of Ossining Fire House Rescue 14 for a unit on community helpers and discussed fire safety. They practiced the concept of rhyming using Dr. Seuss books, a special iPad app and "Glogster" videos, a rhyming tool. In piano instruction, they played songs with two hands and incorporate the black keys. In science, they learned the colors of the rainbow and how rainbows are created, and continued to study animal habitats helped by Teatown's Erin Baker, Animal Care Supervisor & Environmental Educator, who visited to discuss habitats of frogs, rabbits, and turtles.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarteners used essay boards to convey ideas about spring, participated in "countdown 'til summer" activities to reinforce math and calendar concepts, and made striped and plaid eggs for Easter. They enjoyed a presentation by Mike Risko and his family, and got to hear, touch and play a violin, viola, cello, bass, and guitar.

FIRST & SECOND GRADE

The first and second graders had a visit from the

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PARENT PROGRAMS

Parent Anthony Shropshire, a certified financial planner, provided a workshop for our parents on financial planning for college.



POLITICAL ADVOCACY

Advocates lobbied for \$150 million in increased daycare funding in the State budget. The result was \$5 million additional dollars for child care subsidies, \$3 million for QUALITYStarsNY, our quality rating system, and \$30 million in additional funds for Pre-K outside of New York City.

ENROLLMENT

We have 146 children enrolled at the Center: 31 infants, toddlers, and young threes, 56 preschoolers and kindergarteners, and 59 first-through-sixth graders.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Four members of our staff completed the Red Cross Response to Emergency, a New York State requirement for all summer camp staff members.





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SPECIAL THANKS

Briarcliff Girl Scout Troop 1169 visited on St Patrick's Day and read stories, did arts and crafts and provided a special healthy holiday snack for 3's and 4's.

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120TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

On April 26, OCC celebrated 120 years of service to the community with a gala honoring two of its longstanding volunteer leaders, Betsy Block and David Swope. With 160 friends and of the honorees attending, the event raised more than \$220,000 for OCC's tuition assistance program. The gala dinner, at Abigail Kirsch's Tappan Hill in Tarrytown, kicked off a year-long celebration of the Center's anniversary.

DANCING FOR THE CHILDREN

Briarcliff High School students Jasmine Bar and her friends Emma Burns, Komal Keerthy and Kelly Hooper organized a dance performance on April 19th at the Ossining Public Library, which raised more than \$2,500 for OCC. It featured performers from Dance NYAAD, O'Sullivan School of Irish Dancing, Artistry Dance Project, Natya Anubhava Academy of Classical Indian Dance, Steffi Nossen, Bollywood Axion, Westchester Dance Academy and Sri Baratha Kama-lalaya.



Gala Honorees
Betsy Block & David Swope



Dancing for the Children, April 19

I N F A N T S & T O D D L E R S

Spring finally made a delayed entrance, and our youngest children were immersed in spring themes: infants finger painted; created collages in bright spring colors and enjoyed walks in their strollers; toddlers made green clover collages and plastic egg rattles filled with a mix small objects to make unique sounds.

T H R E E S

Three-year olds explored the wind by making and flying kites,