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 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.

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20TH 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.

INFANTS & TODDLERS
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.

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