

ENRICHMENT NEWS



Dear Enrichment Families,

We had a wonderful week back after Spring Break! This week we read a few fables and fairytales.

On Monday, we read *The Tortoise and the Hare* retold by Mark Schlichting. The children had fun retelling the story, using puppets to race the Tortoise and the Hare to the finish line. We also listened to a fun song about the Tortoise and the Hare that switched between a fast and slow tempo, just like the characters. The children danced by moving their scarves quickly and slowly to match the song. Then, we attached the characters to ribbon spools to make Tortoise and Hare racers. We rolled them across the floor in a race to see who was faster. The children also enjoyed playing a Tortoise and the Hare game that involved counting dice to move each character to the finish line.

On Wednesday, we read *Jack and the Beanstalk* by Tim Paulson. The children had fun digging in the dirt to find magic beans. Then, they planted beans in a cup. With some sun and water, we are hoping they will see a bean plant emerge from the soil. We also painted a beanstalk just like the one Jack climbed in the story. We added cotton balls for the clouds and used lots of cut out shapes to create the giant's castle at the top.

On Friday, we read *Falling for Rapunzel* by Leah Wilcox. This silly, twisted retelling of the classic Rapunzel story had the children laughing. We had fun using the flannel board to help tell the story, too. Afterwards, we practiced braiding Rapunzel's hair using yarn. Then, we made Rapunzel's tower together using sponges to paint lots of bricks. The children also enjoyed playing with Rapunzel's tower in the Enrichment area.

Each of our stories this week dealt with words that were opposites: fast and slow, big and little, and long and short. When we read *Falling for Rapunzel*, the children enjoyed creating a graph to show how many have long and short hair.

April 5, 2019

With the wonderful spring weather the children had lots of fun playing outside as well.

We hope you have a great weekend!

Susan and Caroline



