



April 15, 2011

This Week's Newsletter features:

CLASSROOM ADVENTURES!



The Pre K children are tracing and painting their body shapes! ***PAINTING....***

Be sure to check the St. Thomas Episcopal Church Website for the HOLY WEEK schedule.

<http://www.stthomasbcs.org/events.php#HolyWeek-2011>

If your child is enrolled in St. Thomas ELC for next year, be watching your child's folder for the

2011-2012 INFORMATION PACKET that will be sent home next week.



The Kindergarteners are becoming excellent writers! That's Mrs. Popp coaching Journal Writing!

READING.... WRITING.....

At left: the First Graders are engrossed in story time with Mrs. Weatherby!

LISTENING.....

(Keep reading....This week's Newsletter is long because there is so much happening at our super St. Thomas Early Learning Center!)



At right: Boys on Mrs. Wright's Pre K porch are bird-watching and painting. A red-headed woodpecker appeared at their feeder while they were watching, and was correctly identified using their handy bird guidebook and binoculars!

LOOKING..... OBSERVING.....



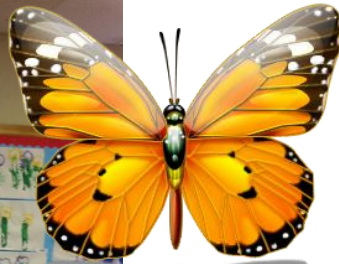
At left: Beginners are learning Spanish songs with Mrs. Casares and Mrs. Sawyer!

SINGING..... SPEAKING.....

At right: Mrs. Lawrence uses the Morning Chart to teach reading strategies for the day. Baby chicks were brought in for a sharing by one of our excited Kindergarteners!

COOPERATING.....





ENRICHING.....

First Graders study Picasso!
and Kindergarteners paint Monet's
bridge!



GROWING.....HATCHING....

Every classroom is hatching butterflies!

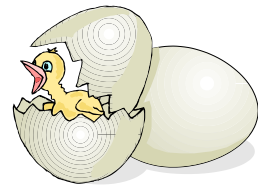
Just today, I overheard:

“Look! That one is still wrinkled.”

“That’s ‘cause he hasn’t had time to dry his wings yet.”

“I know. He just came out of his chrysalis!”

“This morning when I first came in we still didn’t have any born yet—but now we have 3 butterflies!”



We’re hatching chicks!



.....and sometimes it’s just fun to kick dirt
with a friend!

PLAYING.....

Spring Festival 2011

was a huge success! Thank you to EVERYONE!!
Especially our two co-chairpersons: Amy Spencer and Angela Derbes. Thanks also to Erin McFarlane for coordinating the Silent Auction. There are too many people to thank, so *a big St. Thomas thank you* to all!



Quilt Winners: Holly & Derek Moore!

