

# CLASSROOM NEWS!

St. Viator

Pre-K 4/Room 104

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## Ms. Natalie's Newsletter

### Themes

This week, we talked about spring and the changes the season brings. Since the beginning of spring was technically Tuesday, we wanted to celebrate it by learning about the signs of spring. We learned how we can use our five senses to experience spring. For example, we can see flowers, hear the birds, feel the wind, smell the rain, and taste vegetables during spring. Students made "Springtime Senses" poems where they wrote what they like to see, hear, smell, feel, and taste in spring. Students also made kites after we talked about the different types of weather we might experience. We did a Scholastic that explained how to fly a kite and hopefully one day next week we will take out our kites on a windy day.

Students had a great time on our field trip to the Children's Museum. Students explored many different areas including: the market, the theater, the farm area, the vet clinic, the ambulance, police car, building workshop and many more. It was a great hands on experience and students were encouraged to use their language to interact with each other.



### Stories

*Spring* by Ron Hirschi

*When Spring Comes* by Kevin Henkes

*Mouse's First Spring* by Lauren Thompson

*All Things Bright and Beautiful* by Jan & Mike Berenstain

*Worm Weather* by Jean Taft

### Activities

**Language Arts:** Along with studying the letter W, we continued the unit in Happily Ever After centered on the story *Peter and the Wolf*. We reviewed the letters U, V, and W and students identified and circled these uppercase and lowercase letters on their pages. We discussed the backgrounds of pictures and students colored these. Lastly, students identified whether words had the same beginning sounds when listening to the Cd.

**Math:** With one Happily Ever After lesson, students were learning about triangles. We discussed how triangles have three sides and three angles. Students found and colored triangles in a story-related picture. Students also colored a spring picture by rolling a dice and coloring the part of the picture with the number they rolled.

**Religion:** This week, we discussed the Stations of the Cross. We began talking about the Easter holiday and why we celebrate it. We discussed Holy Week and what happened on Good Friday. Students followed along as we read through the stations in their booklets and we watched a short video that gave more information about what happened in each station. On Wednesday, we will see a reenactment of the stations by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the Church.