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Dear Parents,

April was a beautiful month with signs of spring everywhere – especially rain! And all is well at The Sawgrass School!

*The Infant Room:*

Wells (13 months) is off and running toward the toddler room now that he is walking. He's so ready to meet his next challenge. Lyla (11 months) delights us all with her joyous nature. Abel (10 months) crawls all over the place and loves to play chase with the other crawlers. Henry (11 months) has adjusted very well and has become part of the gang. Jase (11 months) is showing signs of walking as is Brooklyn (9 months). We could have 5 children walking all at the same time. Oh dear, oh my! Harrison (5 months) and James (4 months) are working hard during tummy time and learning how to sit up. Every day is exciting! Ms. Carol and Ms. Sarah



Henry and Lyla play quietly while James watches.



Wells always enjoys a good laugh with Abel and Jase.



Ms. Carol talks to James, Harrison and Henry while Wells sleeps.



Harrison has mastered the tummy roll.



“Ready, set, GO,” says Lyla to Wells while Jase watches.



Abel and Jase share jumping time.



James “samples” the ball.



Lyla and Wells interrupt Henry’s jumping time.



Brooklyn, Wells and Harrison share toys.

### *The Toddler Room:*

The toddlers “soared into spring” during the month of April. We were able to experience a variety of weather that spring has to offer. On sunny days the children enjoyed spending time with their friends on the playground. On rainy days, we watched the rain and sang “Rain, rain, go away!” The toddlers made kites, wind socks and umbrellas as a welcome to spring. On Earth Day the toddlers planted flower seeds. We went on an exciting walking adventure, thanks to our new walking rope. The children had a blast saying hi to all of our delighted neighbors.

The theme of the month was bugs! During circle time Ms. Amy discussed different types of bugs you might see outside. The toddlers made footprint lady bugs, snails and butterflies. Everyone is doing a great job learning their shapes and letters, too. Ms. Alana and Ms. Amy



William and Ashley Charles pool their egg hunting skills.



Tessa, William, Izzy and Brenna make bee hives.



Everyone makes butterflies.



Tessa practices writing.



William and Charlie experiment with weights and scales.



Tessa, Brenna and Izzy make their own parade.



Ashley Charles and Ellerby practice writing



Everyone paints their Earth for Earth Day!

*Pre-K Class:*

We began April with an Easter egg hunt followed by a party with lots of delicious treats.

Our first unit of study in April was all about seeds and plants. The children worked with a variety of seeds where they sorted and categorized them with pictures. For snack we ate food that contained seeds and snacked on seeds we could eat. During this unit we learned about the parts of a plant and the importance of photosynthesis and chlorophyll. Our class germinated and planted seeds. Some of these plants went home and some are growing outside our classroom window.

During our second week we went underground to learn about worms and above ground we did some research on birds. We even made our own birds out of newspaper. They're flying around our room.

Weeks 3 and 4 were all about insects. Currently our caterpillars have formed chrysalises and are hanging in their tree house. We are waiting for our 5 butterflies to emerge! Our next delivery will be ants that will find their new home in our ant house. We have a busy science area! We had a creepy, crawly month and learned so much about insects! Ms. Phyllis



Rabbits Kennedy and Liam filled their bags with Easter eggs.



Gabby and Emi create sunflowers for our wall mural.



Roberto, Oly and Emi paint their ladybug bodies.



We did a trash sweep on Earth Day!



Maylee, Liam and Kennedy search for worms in our dirt.



Kennedy and Oly prepare their seeds for germination.



Gabby and Emi plant their seeds.



Liam paints the stalk of his sunflower.



Maylee and Hampton paint their newspaper birds.



Kennedy and Oly paint their birds.