



Fireflies Open House on March 25th 2011



Open House is a very special time for our students. They get to present their everyday Montessori 'jobs' to their parents in their own classroom setting. We pick an educational theme for the big day & each class works on projects & activities centered on this theme.

Our general preschool theme this year was **Literacy**.

The Fireflies class theme: **Nature in Literacy**.

To get ready for this special day we read books by authors whose works included nature as the main theme.

These authors were: Robert Frost, Robert McCloskey, Gail Gibbons, and Shel Silverstein. *We read some of their books, such as: Poetry For Children, Blueberries for Sal, One Morning in Maine, Burt Down Deep, Time of Wonder, Make Way for Ducklings, Natures Umbrella, From Seeds to Plant, Reasons for Seasons, Deserts, Tornados, Hurricanes, Marshes and Swamps, Tell Me, Tree, Caves and Caverns, Surrounded by Sea, Coral Reefs, The Giving Tree, Falling Up, Where the Sidewalk Ends, A Light in The Attic, Runny Babbit.*

Our class projects centered on the books we read and tied into our theme of **Nature in Literacy**.

- The children wrote their own poems about seasons. They also made recycle paper as a group project and wrote a group Haiku about nature.
- We visited the park where the children collected things from nature and they used these items to create their own book covers. They also made an "I Spy" book, the idea was to find natural things. They also made a nature scene at home with mom and dad writing a little poem to go with it as well.
- We learned about land forms by making a volcano model and did the experiment of when a volcano erupts.
- Our cookery project was blueberry pancakes to learn about fruits and other natural edible items growing in nature.
- We made a word mobile using three letter words about nature and learned a fun song "The green grass grows all around."
- It was a very successful Open House and much knowledge was gathered!

