

Mangrove News

May 3, 2011



Our field trip last Friday to the Wildlife Center was a huge success. The children had a wonderful time! I would like to thank all of the parents who came with us and did such a wonderful job chaperoning, your help made our trip possible! We will be putting together a box of items to donate to the Wildlife Center. If you have any of the following items at home, feel free to bring them in and add them to our donation box!

- ❖ Paper Towels
- ❖ Dawn Dish Detergent
- ❖ Dog and Cat Bowls, preferable heavier bowls so the birds don't knock them over in their cages
- ❖ High Protein Dry Dog Food (used as part of the diet for a lot of our baby and adult songbirds, we also have a turtle pond in the park with several water turtles that enjoy the dog food as well!)
- ❖ Wild Bird Seed (the birds especially enjoy black oil sunflower seeds!)
- ❖ Dog and Cat Carriers
- ❖ Dish Washing Sponges (the two sides sponges, one side rough, one side soft, are best)
- ❖ Frozen Berries (blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, blackberries) another important component of song bird baby and adult diets



We have observed some of our friends using their hands on each other in less than gentle ways. When this happens at school, we do not force the children to say, "I'm sorry". Instead we ask that the aggressor offer their hurt friend a hug or ask if they are okay. If one child is bothering another, we say: "give me space, please" and not push our friend out of our way. We let our friends work out their difference without help as much as possible. Sometimes an adult needs to step in as a mediator and provide the vocabulary needed to resolve the issue, but we strive for the children to be as independent as possible. If we are on the same page, we can all work together children, parents and educators to teach the children how to be respectful and gentle to each other and solve problems with words rather than hands.



May 19th is our Cultural Immersion Day! The Mangrove Class has been familiarizing themselves with the corn plant. We have been discussing the origin of corn, it's life cycle, characteristics and uses. The children have been experiencing lessons, which involve corn kernels, art using all parts of the plant. We will even be making some delicious dishes involving corn. You parents will get a chance to experience the cultural immersion fun before the Corporation Meeting on the 19th!

Wishing you peace,
Ms. Andrea, Ms. Jen & Ms. Tina

