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Dear Parents,

This week the topic was Seasons and the letter V. During Circle Time, we talked about the 4 seasons: spring, summer, fall, and winter. The earth tilts on its axis and orbits around the sun causing the four seasons. Our students learned that during spring, the weather is normally warm, trees begin to grow their leaves, plants start to bloom and young animals such as chicks and lambs are born. In summer, the temperature rises, trees have full green leaves, and the amount of time it is light during the day is longer. In autumn, the amount of time it is light becomes less, the leaves start to change colors to brown, orange, and red and the leaves fall off the trees. It is also harvest season, so crops are ready to be picked. In winter, the temperature drops and sometimes it snows, depending on the location. The trees have no leaves and the amount of time it is light during the day is at its shortest. We talked about how some places like Florida do not have a major change in seasons. We also talked about the importance of wearing the appropriate clothing for each season such as during winter, we should wear boots, a sweater, and mittens to keep ourselves warm when it is cold outside. We introduced the letter V and listened to the sound that it makes by singing a song. The letter V is a consonant. We learned some new words such as vase, village, valley, vest, and volleyball. They traced the letter V with markers and colored inside with crayons. We practiced writing the uppercase and lowercase letter V on our own and wrote three words that begin with that letter. Please reinforce at home the difference between the letters U and V.

Activities we did this week: We traced and colored the letter V. We also made a booklet showing all the different seasons using handprints for trees and different colored paper for the leaves throughout the year. We wrote words with the letter V and drew pictures of the words. Since it has been raining a lot this week, We went to check out the garden and saw how much the tomato plants have grown.

This week in the Science Lab with Mrs. Davis the students sorted different colored lids and after that, we went outside and graphed them. They counted them and compared them from large to small.

Our daily graphing topic was: "What is your favorite season?" The majority chose summer because they enjoyed going to the beach or the park.

Books we read this week: We're Going on a Leaf Hunt, There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves in the Middle of Fall, and When the Leaf Blew In. Their favorite story was "We're Going on a Leaf Hunt". It is like the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". It is about three friends who are on a hiking adventure over a mountain and through a forest to collect leaves of all kinds and colors. This book has easy rhyming text and fun sound effects, the children took delight in this autumn story.

Field trip: This month's in-house field trip was from the Miami Children's Museum, and the theme was Dr. Suess. It was a fantastic presentation and the kids had a blast.

Reminders:

- March 22nd : MDCPS Teachers planning day. Non-instructional day.
- Spring break: March 25- 28. MDCPS are closed for spring break and even though we will be open they will be non-instructional days and attendance for VPK is not mandatory, and your child will not be marked absent if they do not come to school.
- March 29th: School closed for Good Friday.

Activities to do with your child at home: Have children pick up different types of seeds with tweezers to help with their fine motor skills and sort them by type into the cups. Students used Mosaic squares. Before the activity, the teacher cut construction paper into 1-inch long strips. Children "snipped" the strips into smaller pieces and used glue to decorate the strips with the mosaic squares. Another project found our students using eyedroppers to drop liquid watercolor or food coloring onto a coffee filter or paper towel.

Quote: "I believe in process. I believe in four seasons. I believe that winter's tough, but spring's coming. I believe that there's a growing season. And I think that you realize that in life, you grow. You get better." - Steve Southerland

Have an amazing weekend

Ms Nadia and Ms Ana

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