



# The Marsh Messenger

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April is Friendship Month in Counselor Time

Social skills are critical when it comes to making and keeping friends.

This month we'll be reading stories that illustrate important skills everyone needs in order to succeed in creating friendships.

The skills we will learn are:

- **Being friendly** (smiling)
- **Caring**, sharing & taking turns
- **Introducing** new friends to each other
- **Inviting** others to play
- **Reciprocating**: "When my friend does a good thing for me, I do a good thing back for my friend"
- **Including** everybody who wants in
- **Apologizing** for mistakes (and doing a little extra to show you mean it)

Practicing helps, so you may want to roleplay some of these at home as well!

## Art Bombing Went *Swimmingly!*

Dear Families,

One of the signs of spring at Marsh is our annual art bombing collaborative event...and you can see the results on the playground fence!

Our high school shop students provided the fish cut-outs and then came to Marsh to help our little ones decorate their fish. How cheery they look swimming along the fence line!

Special thanks to

Aaron Woodke, our high school shop teacher and Karyn Futrell, who organized supplies and supported all our students during PE and Music time on April 1st.

Thanks also, to all the parents who made our spring open house a success! We'll be accepting preschool applications though April and May. Spread the word!

Stacey Plane, Principal



## April in Music & PE

In kindergarten PE, we are starting our dribbling, volleying, and striking unit. We will be practicing basketball skills as well as racket sports skills. In preschool PE we are experimenting with bouncy balls. We are working on developing bouncing and catching skills.

In kindergarten music, we are enjoying learning science once a week, learning about habitats and plant and animal needs. We are also learning to use new instruments to make rhythms and steady beats. In preschool music, we are learning new songs and dances and we also enjoy reading new books.

Thanks Mr. Woodke & students! Art Bombing was so much fun!

*Did you know...* MIT professor Sherry Turkle found in her research that children often named the same 3 examples of being emotionally hurt & not wanting to show it when their parent was using a device rather than paying attention to them: 1. at meals, 2. During pickup after school or activities, & 3. During their sporting events. Read more in *Wired Child: Reclaiming Childhood in a Digital Age*.