Virginia Marx Children’s Center
Activities for May, June and July

Our Summer Program is in full swing with a variety of activities, including; water play, sports, yoga, and art. This summer’s center wide theme is “Under the Sea”.

Feature Article: Preschool Readiness

This picture features the first infant class in the year 1996, now graduating high school and venturing off to college!

The Virginia Marx Children’s Center’s educational philosophy is to develop the social-emotional, cognitive, physical moral and language development of each child. Testimonials from alumni parents and the VMCC Educational philosophy are attached!

Teacher Feature: Jessabel Coronado, Assistant Teacher, Infant Room 119

My name is Jessabel Coronado, also known as Jess. I was born in Yonkers and my nationality is Dominican. I am married and have a daughter named Mia. I starting working at VMCC while I was attending WCC and have learned so much since then. I now can see how every child is different in their development and I understand each child in their own way, including my own. It’s so amazing to see how fast these children grow and what a huge impact we have as teachers in their lives.

It makes me feel good to know that I can be part of special moments in a child’s life, such as; taking first steps, saying their first words, or seeing their first tooth come in. I get just as excited the parents!!!

The Eighth Annual Art Exhibit, “Embracing Culture Through Art” raised over $900.00 towards the Art Program here at the Virginia Marx Children’s Center!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this wonderful event!
Pia’s Teacher Tip - Gardening

Avocado Plant

The seed of an avocado is called a pit. Save a few of them and let your child stick some toothpicks in all sides, as shown. Set each pit (flat side down) in a clear jar or cup that is mostly filled with water. Set the cups on the window sill or on the kitchen counter for exposure to sunlight. In a week or two the pit will start to crack and split. Some roots will stick out from the bottom. A stem and leaves will grow from the top. It is now an avocado plant!

Tomato Plant

After cutting up some fresh tomatoes for eating, you can sprinkle some of the seeds on top of potting soil in a plastic cup. Make sure to keep the soil moist. Soon tiny leaves will come up. You can transplant them into your garden when the young plant is about 6 inches tall and enjoy fresh tomatoes this summer!

Staff Retreat 2013

The staff attended the first Staff Retreat on June 22nd, 2013 at the Gateway Center, to be inspired by a guest speaker who is a renowned child care advocate and a team building facilitator.

Cindy Rzasa Bess is a child psychologist and Denise D’Agostino specializes in team building.

The mission of the Retreat was to build on the staff’s professional and personal development. Attached are the bio’s for these facilitators!

We had Alumni Visitors!

William and Natalie Magee visited the Center on June 26, 2013

William is in Grade 4 and is 9 years old and remembers the oatmeal cookies that Chef Frank made and playing with Legos and building blocks. He is now involved in basketball, lacrosse, swimming and enjoys soccer and tackle football.

Natalie is in Grade 3 and is 8 years of age. She remembers Chef Frank’s baked beans and painting. She likes writing, swimming, gymnastics, trips, basketball and lacrosse.