

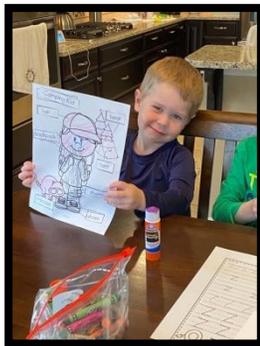


## Spotlight on Learning at ARCS



### PreK3 with Ms. Jen

PreK3 went on a camping trip!! Students, as one of their art projects, used their imaginations to make a fake fire and yummy s'more out of construction paper, cotton balls, and markers!! To add to the fun, students made a tent with their blankets, chairs, couches, and pillows while they listened to camp songs, read a book called "Over in the Forest Day One," and enjoyed campfire bingo. The children ended their camping trip with a camping prayer!!



### PreK4 Ms. Stacy and Ms. Tammy

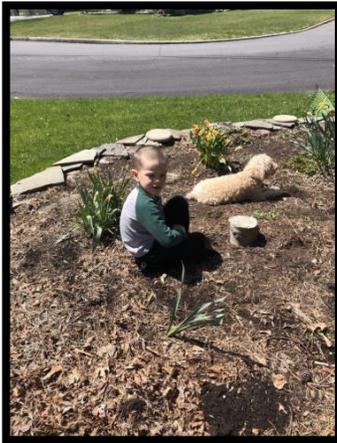
PreK4 has been busy reviewing the letters and numbers that they've learned so far. They have enjoyed many different art projects and activities using materials the children have at home.

In Science, the students have been getting outdoors to practice writing their names using materials found in nature- such as rocks, flowers, sticks and leaves. They've also enjoyed many nature walks and outdoor scavenger hunts, where they had to identify different animals and objects found in nature. Prek is also having a lot of fun studying the weather and sharing very informative weather report videos!

On Wednesday, April 22, we celebrated Earth Day by making Earth crafts, a mini Earth Day book, and participating in different activities to help our planet, such as making bird feeders, planting flowers, and recycling.

The children have also been learning about helping others in the community and being a good Samaritan during these difficult times, as they graciously made rainbow window signs to thank our essential workers.

This week we look forward to learning our new letters and numbers, practicing our Act of Kindness Pledge, and continuing to pray for the safety and good health of our ARCS families.



## **Junior High Science**

Each year I share my “Harvard Students and Basic Astronomy Concepts” story. Many moons ago I participated in a series of Astronomy workshops with Dr. Will Van der Veen from Columbia University. Dr. Van der Veen began the program showing a video of students who had just graduated from Harvard University. The graduates were asked basic astronomy questions. To make a long story short, it would have been less embarrassing if these new graduates simply said, “I don’t know” instead of some of the answers that they attempted to construct. This experience had a major impact on me and my teaching of Astronomy! I decided, at that moment, that all of my students would understand these basic Astronomy concepts before they left my science lab.

All Junior High Students are currently working on exploring some basic Astronomy concepts. Sadly, no Star Lab this year! Through video lessons, modeling, and related readings I am hopeful that many of the misconceptions about basic Astronomy concepts can be cleared up. Please encourage your child to go outside and explore our night sky!

## **Virtual Easter Egg Hunt**

Junior High students had an opportunity to participate in a Virtual Easter Egg Hunt. The clever Easter Bunny made it a “Science” Easter Egg Hunt! The eggs were filled with science questions instead of candy! Students had to answer the questions and submit their responses to Mrs. Naples. The winners answered the most questions correctly. Prizes were mailed to the winners.

Science Virtual Easter Egg Hunt Winners:

6th Grade: Luca C. and Addie M.

7th Grade: Isabella S. and Kenneth V.

8th Grade: Eve A. and Reese M.