



TEC Campus School
NEWSLETTER

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School News!

Spring 2021



Dear TEC Campus Families,

Some days, it really DOES feel like spring! Other days, it still feels like New England:) It has been a long year since last spring when we all went home “for two weeks..” Through the last four seasons, we have learned to appreciate the little things more than ever. We have learned to be more flexible, patient, and understanding. We have even learned new skills and learned to operate a little outside our comfort zone. They say spring is a time of renewal and awakening. It does feel like we are starting to awaken this time around in many ways. We are enjoying fresh air together, we are renewing social connections, we are getting off our screens and spending time safely with more people. It feels good to have these “normal” moments. It is all far from over, but we are getting there. We will continue our mitigation strategies, continue to have more students (most staff are) vaccinated, and enjoy our new world with a fresh set of eyes and an open heart.



I know someone though who had mastered these things before we ever heard of Covid-19. Many people at TEC, students and staff alike, for the past 17 ½ years knew him as well. Sean Munzer always appreciated the little things. He liked to watch a game, play the piano, tell a good joke, or enjoy a good book read by a friend. Sean has always been flexible - quite noticeably in both body and his ability to adapt to changes in the world around him. Sean was patient. He was interested in what his friends did as well and took the time to observe while waiting for his own turn. Sean was also understanding. He had that instinct for when someone was having a tough time - both his peers and his teachers. He could reach his arm out and look right into your eyes and

offer true comfort. Sean was not afraid to try new things, and he had so many interests because of it: reading, art, cooking, to name just a few, and his favorites sports and music. He was an all star and a rockstar, no matter what sport or type of music he chose, and he was always excited to try new games and explore genres outside the familiar comfort zone. Sean was all these things and more. Sean was brave, genuine, and caring...Sean was a guy who was happy to be surrounded by family and friends. Sean demonstrated the true spirit of our school family. One word has come up over and over as we have been remembering Sean together ... Simply, Sean was LOVE.

~Meredith Faletra





TEC Campus Students of the Month

The following students were recognized at the assembly held at the end of March:

Kara's Class: Thai-Son

Tom's Class: Jose

Dana's Class: Christo

Trish's Class: Bryce

Lorena's Class: Lucas

Sarah's Class: Saatvik

Kelly's Class: Arush

Katie's Class: Estelle

TEC Campus Classroom Reading Challenge Winners

The following students were recognized at the assembly held at the end of March:

1. Matthew C, Mia, Jose, Mathew O, and Bryce (Ms. Kelly's class)
2. Christos, Kyle, AJ, Henry, and Stuart (Dana's class)
3. Maddy, Eliza, Andy, and Arush (Kelly's class)

Nursing Note:

If you do ever have any questions about your own child's or family's symptoms or exposures or any questions about COVID topics, please do not hesitate to reach out to your classroom nurse or Kerry Kubera, our Nurse Leader (kkubera@tec-coop.org or 781-352-5729).

Mark Your Calendar

Week of April 19-23, 2021

April Vacation

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Early Release at 11:30

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Early Release at 11:30

Monday, May 31, 2021

No School - Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Early Release at 11:30

Friday, June 18, 2021

Last Day of School



Classroom News:

This portion of the newsletter will take you on a tour of our programs. Each teacher submits a piece to provide a glimpse into their classroom. Enjoy!

Room 213 - Kara's Class

The Early Childhood Class really has grown over the last few months! We have a few new friends and have started our gardening unit! We have been talking about things that grow, starting with vegetables! Later this month we will be exploring flowers, their parts and stages of growth! With the better weather we have been enjoying the outdoors too! Last month we explored numbers and reading with Pete the Cat and my Four Groovy Buttons! We have such numerical kids in our class!





Room 219 - Lorena's Class

The students in Room 219 wrapped up the month of March by closing the reading challenge month with a total of 22 books read! To start April, we began to explore how Easter is celebrated around the world and all the different traditions, followed by talking about the sign of Spring. We have also been working hard in OT group making different dips and using describing words to make comments on smell, taste, and texture. We are wrapping up the month of April working hard on MCAS!



Room 218 - Kelly's Class

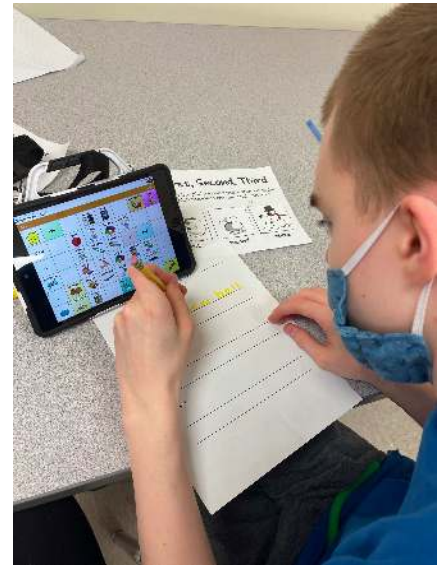
Class 218 is very excited that spring has sprung! Last month we read a lot of books and completed the reading challenge. Our class came in 3rd place! As the weather gets nicer, we have been going outside whenever we can. To celebrate spring, our class has been learning about the Cherry Blossom Festival in Japan. The cherry blossoms are a perfect symbol for springtime. We have also been learning about Japan. We have tried some Japanese food such as mochi, experimented with Japanese art and made our own cherry blossom trees out of branches we collected on our nature walk. We also wrote our own haikus, Japanese poems, about spring. We will continue to explore more about different poems as April is poetry month. Spring is already flying by and it will be summer break before we know it!





Room 111 - Katie's Class

Room 111 has been focusing largely on social skills, including active listening skills, conversation starters and stoppers, and asking follow up questions. We've been working on learning new vocabulary, using describing words, and speaking and writing in complete sentences. We've spent plenty of time outside enjoying the weather, playing games, and working on fun crafts, like making our own "Forkies" from a class favorite film, *Toy Story 4*.





Room 212 - Dana's Class

Spring is here! During the month of March we finished off our Reading Challenge. We came in 2nd place! We had gotten caterpillars for the classroom and seen them go through the life cycle. On a Friday afternoon, we went to the beautiful daffodils to let the four butterflies fly free. We are continuing to travel around the United States. During April we are in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. We will be celebrating Stuart's 12th birthday! We look forward to more time outside. Our MCAS alt portfolios will be done soon, which is exciting. Only a few months left until summer, but we still have a lot to do!





Room 211 - Erin's Class

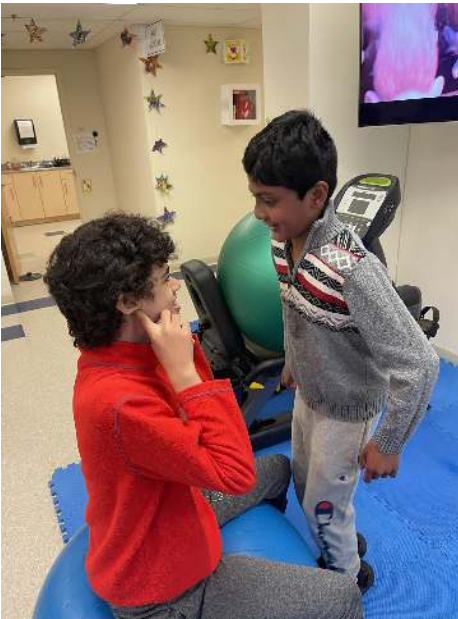
In 211 we have been learning about community workers. Students are exploring community jobs, what tools workers need, and who to look for depending on the situation. We have talked about doctors, nurses, postal workers, firefighters and look forward to learning about more workers in our community who are there to help us.

We have also been taking advantage of the warm weather! We are enjoying getting outside for some fresh air. Happy Spring!



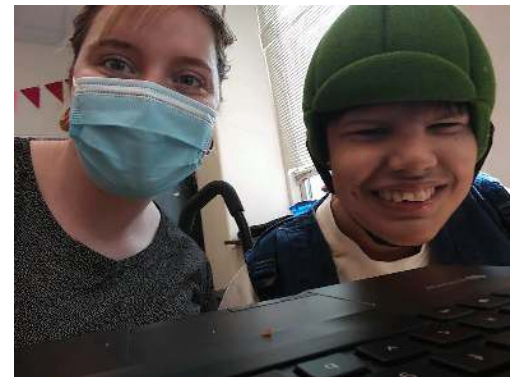


Room 109 - Sarah's Class



Room 109 is loving the spring weather! Our classroom has been enjoying using the playground and taking walks outside. Our classroom has been working on community sight words, using our communication devices, taking turns, making requests, making full sentences, and having fun! Our favorite activities are the morning meeting, Chooseit! Maker, News-2-You, APE and music. We have recently celebrated Mathias' and Shalini's birthday. We had a party with treats and a movie!

Our class has been so lucky to have Kayla as one of our amazing teachers and we are saddened to see her leave. But we wish her all the best on all of her future endeavors and we will miss her so much! Thank you for everything you have done for TEC, Kayla!





TRANSITION HAD A “KRAVING” FOR THE COMMUNITY



Students of the Transition 2 Program were excited to take our first group venture into the community since the start of the pandemic. We had a socially distanced lunch group at Kravings restaurant in Millis, where we ate outside. We all enjoyed the food, the warm sunshine and each others' company. We look forward to many more outings!



Satellite Program at Westwood HS -

Ms. Kelly's Class

The students in the Transition I class have been exploring a different country each week. Each student researches a particular aspect of the country, e.g., native food, animals, customs, etc., and creates a slideshow. In March the students gave presentations about Egypt, Madagascar, and Morocco. In April they are learning about Asian countries. Unfortunately, they haven't earned any frequent flyer miles!





Have a wonderful spring week!



TEC Campus School Mindfulness Words

May I be safe

May I be happy

May I be healthy

May I be peaceful

May I be kind

Thank you for reading all about our school!

-Meredith Faletra, TEC Campus School Program Director