



March 2012

## March

In the spirit of Spring the theme for March was planting and our school was filled with beautiful plants and flowers. We studied the parts of a seed by dissecting lima beans. The children were thrilled to dissect and learn the names of the different parts and loved gluing the testa, cotyledons, plumule, and radicle on their own lima bean drawings. We performed various science experiments such as soaking seeds in water and observing the changes each day. The children loved being little scientists making their own hypothesis which were very interesting!

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Sia planting with Mom!!!!

The moms of the month put together an exciting activity that consisted of making a flower model. The children cut and glued pictures of different foods we eat in the form of flower, leaf, root and stem. The moms also planned another hands-on activity where the children planted sunflower seeds into their personalized pots. They watered them and gave them lots of love by singing songs to them during playtime. The children learned about the different elements of nature such as air, water, sun and soil that aid in the growth of plants.

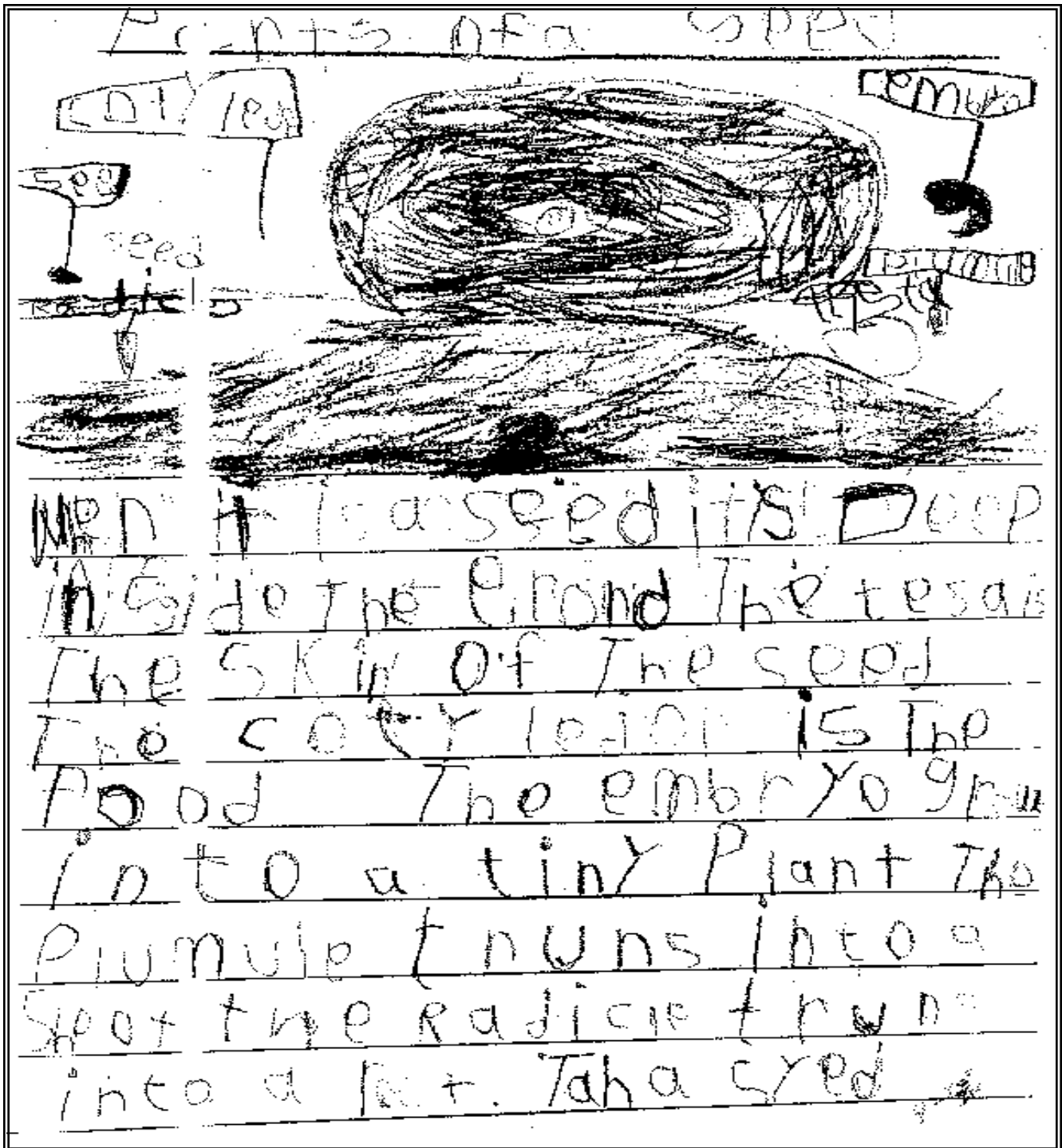


We are very sad to say Good bye to our beloved teacher Miss Ramalingam!

Miss Ramalingam is moving to Tampa for further studies. Mrs. Rica Wada, a Montessori certified teacher, will be joining the Pioneers starting in May.

**We will miss you Miss Ramalingam!!!!**

On our science shelf, we observed the pattern of growth of corn seeds, lima beans, and an avocado seed. At circle time, we discussed and shared the changes in shape, size, and growth. Each day, the kindergarteners logged in their observation charts the changes in the pattern of growth. We also studied the parts of a plant, leaf, and flower. Here is an impressive example of one of our kindergarteners' research!!!!





Sahil with Mom



Rahil working with Mom

The culmination of March led the class on a field trip to **Sundew Gardens** where the children were able to see firsthand how planting on a farm is done. The children were able to plant their own seeds and pick their own carrots which they washed and ate. We also enjoyed a nice pizza picnic and sack race at the end of which the children were able to pick a prize out of a treasure box.



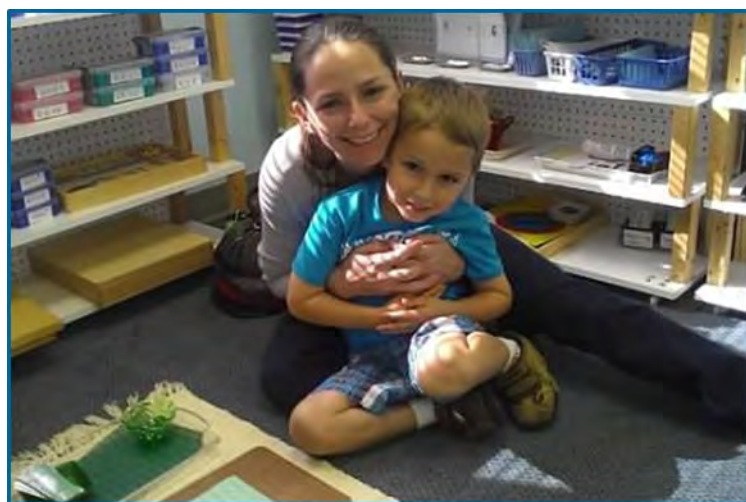
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# Field Trip to Sundew Gardens



# Teach Your Parent Day!!!



**Welcome Our New Students!!!**



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