



## Summer Program 2019 Gardening Week

This past week the students were botanists. We learned the names of many of the plants, shrubs, and trees within the Moseley Complex – conifers (pine trees on the playground), spruces (throughout the complex), and the peach, apple, and pear trees too! We also cared for our Pizza Garden Pots right outside our door which consisted of cherry tomato plants, parsley, basil, sage, and a flowering marigold to help keep the bugs away.



Miss Jessica set up the art area with great projects this week to go along with our gardening theme and they were well appreciated. Two of the projects were creating flowers as pictured below.

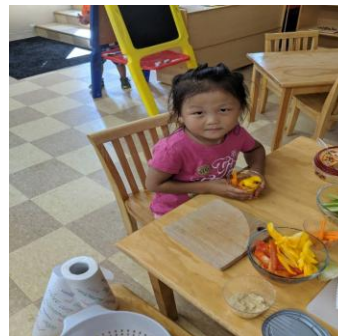


We also prepared a few special gardening snacks! One of these snacks was called “Dirt Cake” and this project was a bit messy. First, we had to crush the chocolate graham crackers to make the dirt. Next, we had to cream together the butter,

confectionary sugar, and cream cheese in one bowl, and the pudding and whipped topping in a second bowl. Then, we had to combine the 2 bowls and continuing mixing until the creamy filling was ready to layer together with the dirt into our flowerpots. Here are a couple pictures of this project!



Another snack we prepared was called “Veggie Shots”. We used the cherry tomatoes from our Pizza Garden outside our door along with sliced up sweet peppers, celery, and carrot sticks. The children chose either hummus or cream cheese for the bottom of this treat and added their own veggies on top!



Below are just a few of the classroom activities the children enjoyed throughout the week!



Sunflower Lacing & Life Cycle of Plant



Flower Arranging Work



Finally, we decorated our clay flowerpots with flower stencils. Then, we planted Begonias in our pots to enjoy for the rest of the summer. I chose a Begonia plant because if cared for properly, they can flower year-round!



Decorating their Garden Hats



Music with Ms. Mary Jo



I hope everyone enjoyed the Sunrise Montessori Summer Program as much as the teachers did! Enjoy the rest of the summer – don't forget to have time for a popsicle! See you all in September.

With Peace – Andrea

