

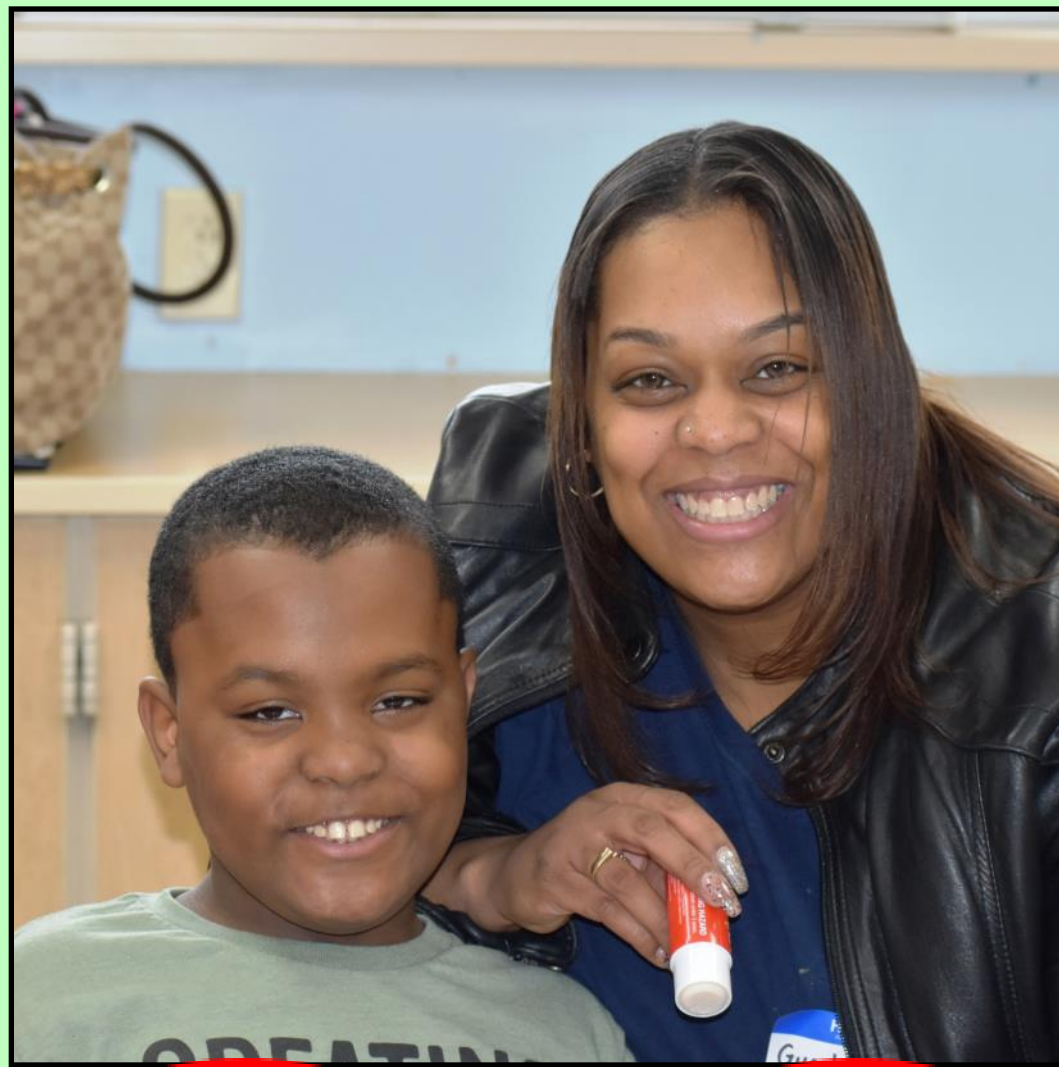
# The Hagedorn Little Village School

## Jack Joel Center for Special Children

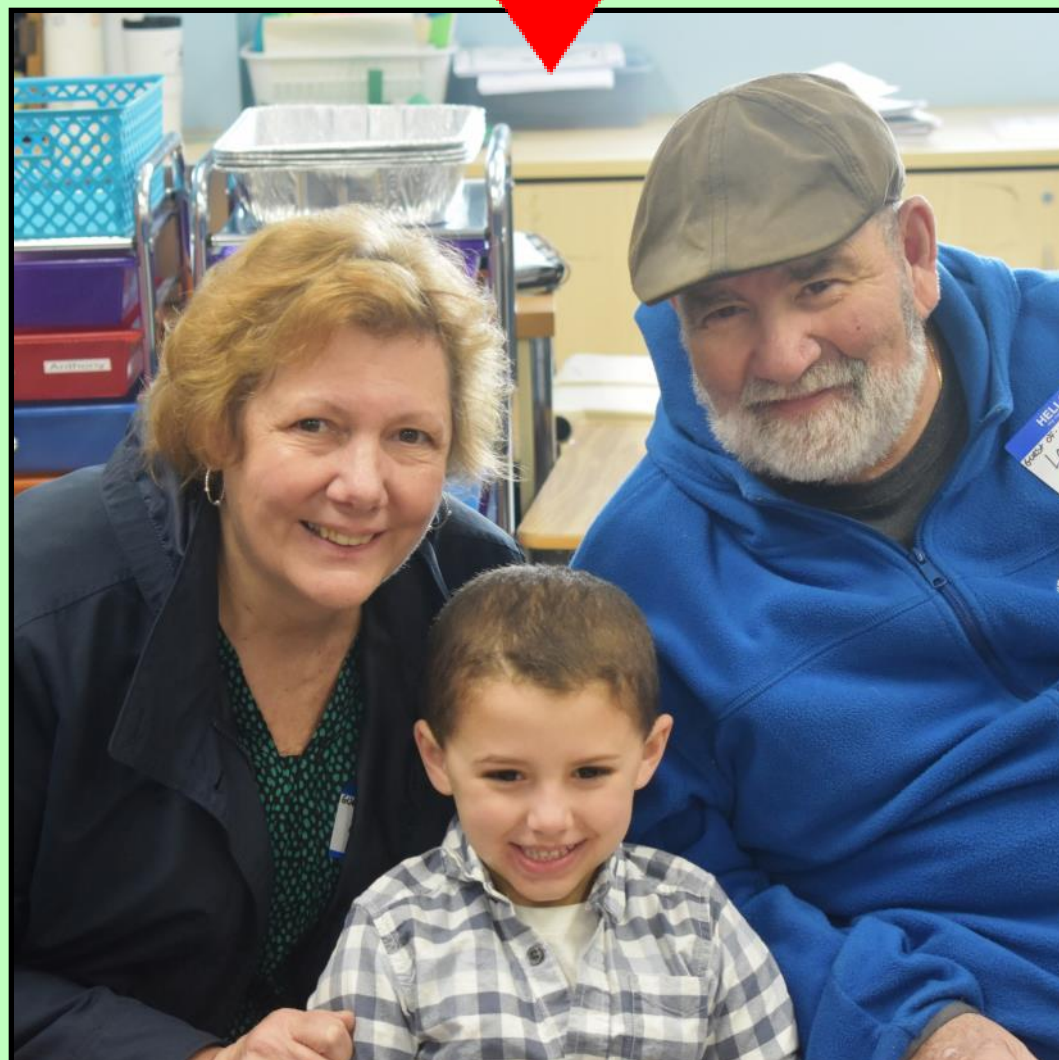


April 2019 Newsletter

### ♡♡ Special Persons' Day ♡♡



*I love you  
more today  
than yesterday, but  
not as much as  
tomorrow!*





# Special Persons' Day



*You may be  
one person to the  
whole world, but  
to me, you are the  
whole world.*





# *Special Persons Day*



*One of the best feelings in the world is when you hug someone, and they hug you back even tighter!*





## Student Spotlight - Natalie Minara

**Natalie Minara** is a 4 year old girl who currently attends Room 62, a full day pre-school class at Little Village. "Nattie" started in our Early Inter-

vention program and has attended our preschool program for 2 years. Her mom said it best when she said "*Nattie leaves a little sparkle wherever she goes!*" Anyone who enters Room 62 can't help but notice Nattie's beautiful, infectious smile. According to her teacher **Ann Puleio**, Nattie loves music, finger plays and ball play. She has made big improvements this year in her ability to attend in a group, play with toys and use an iPad to communicate.

Her mom notices great improvements at home as well. She described Nattie as a "social butterfly" who has "taken off" with Miss Ann. She wanted everyone to know that although Nattie is mostly non-verbal, she is NOT quiet!! She uses signs, noises and gestures to let you know exactly what she wants. She added that Nattie is becoming physically stronger and loves her dolls, music and ball play, just like at school.

Her mom also wanted everyone to know that "Nattie loves spending time with her family, especially older brother **Luke**! Luke and Nattie are besties and Nattie loves to play-fight with him, sit next to him and hug him. She also loves the newest additions to the home, pet guinea pigs, Rainbow and Cutie Pie. She calls them pa-pa after her favorite pig, Peppa Pig! Nattie giggles when she pets them and loves to watch them play in their cage." She added; "we love her more than words and are so excited to see what else Nattie has in store!"





## *Otto the Auto*

Once again, **Bob the puppet, Otto the Auto and Karen from AAA** spent time with our Little Villagers. Bob, Otto and Karen taught the children all about staying safe when riding in a car and walking near the street. The kids had a great time and learned some very valuable lessons!





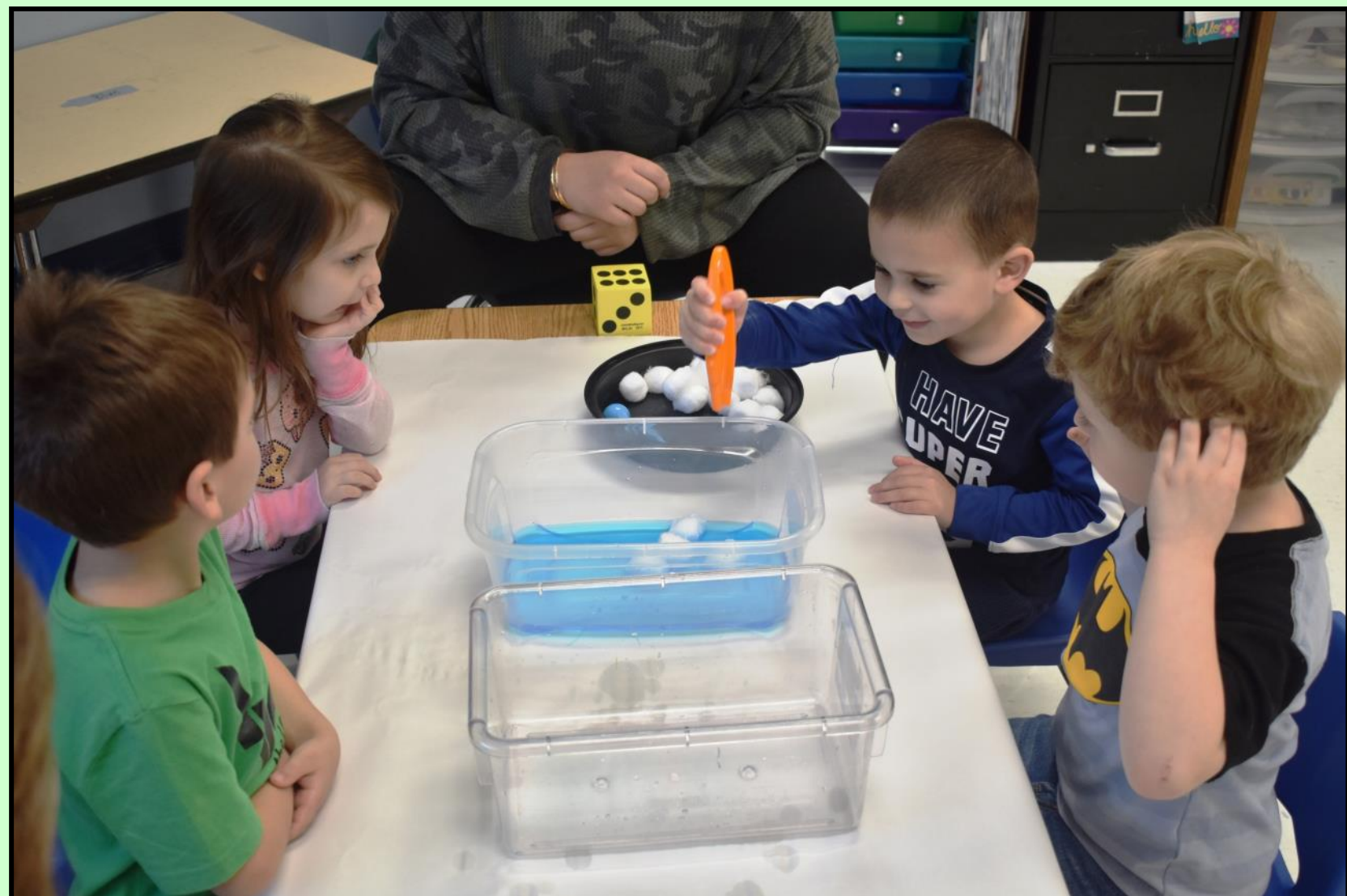
# *Preschool Classes Collaborate and Have Some Great Fun!*

On Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rooms 11, 13, 14, 80 and 82 all moved from room to room to participate in some exciting and fun collaborative activities about nursery rhymes. As you can see, the students had a great time!





# *Preschool Classes Collaborate and Have Some Great Fun!*



*Don't forget to follow us on  
Instagram and Facebook!*





# Room 65 Learning About Animals

The children in Room 65 are learning about different types of farm and jungle animals.

Teacher **Jenn Finley** and the students painted different animal habitats, fed both jungle and farm animals, and learned how to milk a cow!





# Room 12 Learns About Nursery Rhymes

Teacher **Jamie Wheeler** and the children in Room 12 learned all about nursery rhymes and fairy tales. They made spider webs for *The Itsy Bitsy Spider*, built bridges with craft sticks and toilet paper rolls for *Three Billy Goats Gruff*, and built beanstalks as high as they could with paper cups for the fairy tale *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The favorite activity was testing different materials to see what would keep Humpty Dumpty safe. The students tried tissues, paper towels, bubble wrap and pipe cleaners and then tested their hypotheses to determine how many of each item would save Humpty Dumpty.





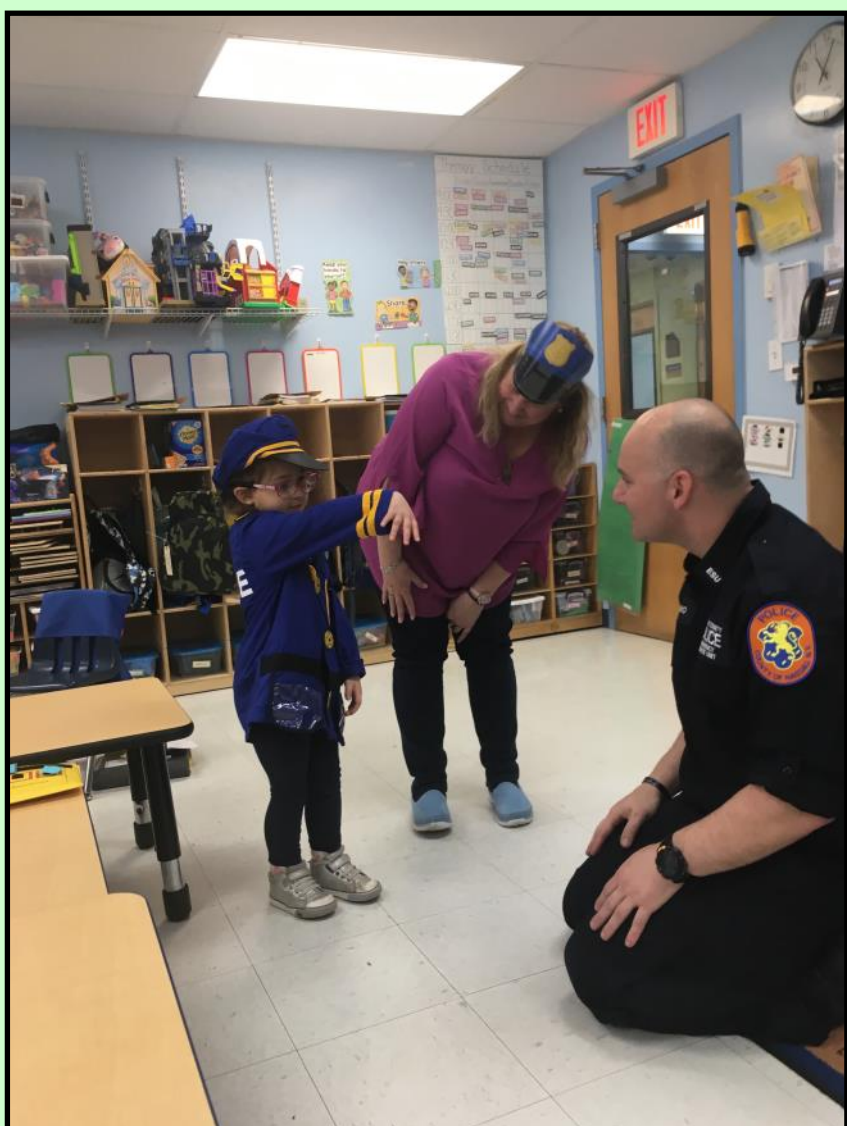
# Room 10AM Learning About Spring!

All the little “bunnies” in room 10AM taking a break after going on an egg hunt. Teacher **Ilene DeMarco** and the children learned about spring, mommy and baby animals, as well as working on identifying colors and sizes using plastic eggs. We all love hopping around the room and having a fun time together!



# Room 63 Has a Special Visitor

This month Teacher **Rebecca Sblendorio** and her students in Room 63 learned all about community helpers. They even had a special visit from Officer Bruno from the Nassau County Police!





***For Parents and Professionals Working with Individuals with Autism***  
**New York State Training in the Need of Students with Autism**

The Hagedorn Little Village School is approved by the New York State Education Department to provide mandated training in the needs of children with autism to new special education teachers seeking certification and new administrators and supervisors of special education programs. The three hour training program has been developed in accordance with the NYS Education Department's Autism Syllabus. This course is open to all who are interested. The training has been designed to educate professionals who assist in the treatment and educational process of those diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

**The cost is \$75.00. All participants will receive a State Education Certificate of Completion**  
**Thursday May 6, 2019**

**Free of charge to parents of HLVS students and for staff**

As space is limited, please have your registration in 5 days prior to the workshop date.  
Please check our website [LittleVillage.org](http://LittleVillage.org) for more information, including registration information.  
Follow the link for Professional Development.

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***2019 Golf Outing - Save the Date!***  
***June 3, 2019***



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