





# NEWSLETTER



Middle School After School Easter Celebration 2023

# April Adventures Await at A House on Beekman!

As the flowers bloom and the sun shines brighter, April brings a world of excitement and wonder to A House on Beekman! Join us for a month filled with thrilling adventures, interactive workshops, and memorable experiences for the whole family. From outdoor explorations to creative projects and engaging programs, April promises to ignite your imagination and create lasting memories. Let's embrace the spirit of spring and embark on unforgettable adventures together at A House on Beekman!



# Fact of The Day



Did you know that April 22nd is celebrated as Earth Day worldwide? This annual event serves as a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and encourages people to take action towards a sustainable future. From planting trees to participating in community cleanups, Earth Day inspires individuals and communities to protect our planet and make a positive impact. Let's honor Earth Day this April and embrace our role as stewards of the Earth, ensuring a healthier and greener world for future generations.

### April Health Tip: Nourish with Colorful Foods

This April, make it a goal to include a rainbow of colors on your plate. Aim to incorporate a variety of fruits and vegetables into your meals, as their vibrant colors indicate a rich concentration of essential vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. From leafy greens to vibrant berries, each color offers unique health benefits.

April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." - William Shakespeare

## Meet The Team...



## Caitlin!

Meet Caitlin Flores, our dedicated staff member at A House on Beekman!

Caitlin joined our team almost two years ago, bringing her passion for education and a heart for nurturing young minds. Her favorite part of working here? Watching her students blossom and grow throughout the school year, a testament to her dedication and commitment to their development.

An avid traveler, Caitlin harbors a dream of exploring every continent before she turns 50, with Jamaica holding a special place in her heart among her past adventures. Her love for true crime documentaries keeps her entertained during downtime, while her favorite quote, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," reflects her compassionate nature.

If Caitlin could have any superpower, it would be teleportation - a choice fueled by her love for exploring new places efficiently. When she's not busy enriching young minds, Caitlin enjoys listening to pop, hip hop, and R&B music, and indulging in her favorite cuisine, Mexican food.

Looking ahead, Caitlin aspires to become proficient in sign language, a testament to her ongoing commitment to personal and professional growth.

Next time you see Caitlin around, be sure to say hello and share your travel tales - she'd love to hear them!









#### The Babies- 2 Program

As spring blooms around us, our Parent and Me classes and Transitioning Toddler sessions are buzzing with excitement! TT enjoyed learning about planets. TT made their own solar system using construction paper, glue and pompoms. During science TT utilized baking soda, food coloring and water to mold the baking soda into planets and using droppers the children squeezed vinegar into the planet and observed the reaction. To celebrate Easter TT had an egg hunting fun day indoors, pizza party and goody baskets to take home.

Paola Matutue-Program Coordinator

## chool Program

As we welcome the warmer weather and blossoming flowers, our preschool program at A House on Beekman is gearing up for an egg-citing April! Join us as we dive into a month filled with laughter, learning, and, of course, our annual Easter Egg Hunt extravaganza! Get ready for a hopping good time as our little ones explore the joy of discovery amidst a sea of colorful eggs. From engaging educational activities to creative arts and crafts, our preschool program promises a season of growth, friendship, and delightful surprises.



Over the last month and an half, students spent time with Ms. Skyler growing vegtables in our lettuce grow. We were able to spend a day trimming the vegtables, washing and prepping them to make and enjoy taco salad with a side of guacamole! To celebrate Easter, we had a "mini" cocktail party - serving an array of finger foods! We listened to the Easter story and had a discussion using our resurrection

Amber Howell-Program Director

Frances Nieves-Program Director

The Community Engagement Program
Our month began with the introduction of Prodigy Games on March 2nd, a dynamic learning platform where children can enhance their Math and Literacy skills through engaging wizard tournaments.Continuing the month's festivities, we hosted a delightful Saint Patrick's Day celebration! To educate our students about the holiday, we presented a short drama skit where they learned about Saint Patrick's history. During this activity, I introduced the term "Cold Read" to them, which means reading a script for the first time without prior practice.IIn honor of Women's History Month, we conducted a self-portrait exercise inspired by the renowned artist Frida Kahlo. As the month drew to a close, we wrapped up with our annual Easter Egg Hunt and HolyWeek with Story Makers. **Stephany Polanco - Community Engagement Coordinator** 

### **Message From our Executive Director..**

As spring unfolds its vibrant tapestry of colors, so too does our organization flourish with new possibilities and renewed vigor. In this month's newsletter, join me as we say goodbye to one of our Community Engagement Staff team members. Ms. Charvsh has been a valuable part of our Saturday program and the overall AHOB team. While we are sad to see her go, we are grateful for her dedication and love for our students and are excited about her next chapter. We will miss you Miss Charysh! Tracy Thornton - Tracy@AHouseonbeekman.org

### **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

APRIL 10TH, 2024 EID AL-FITR - NO PROGRAMMING

APRIL 22-30TH, 2024 - SPRING RECESS -NO PROGRAMMING APRIL 27TH, 2024 NO SATURDAY PROGRAM

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