

TreeHouse News

The TreeHousers had an absolute blast during April with our African Safari **exploration**. Each of the four weeks was a different focus: preparation of supplies/gear and what a safari is, learning where **Africa** is and what the climate/culture is like, the animals, and finally going on an African **Safari** in our classroom and playground.

Our adventure room had an African village with a mud and straw **hut** in one section and a safari **landscape** with animals in another. We got to dress up as various safari animals, safari guides, tourists and as African village people. Bear was the white tiger just about every day of April! Instead of Spanish, one week we taught **Swahili**; the language many people speak in the area we went on our safari. Simon recalled and continued using many of the Swahili words throughout the month. For example, he referred to friends as "**rafiki**," the Swahili word for friend.

We also did several different art projects that tied into the African Safari theme. Quintin said he loved making the safari vest because he got to wear it right after making it. He (along with a majority of the class) was also excited that he could wear his **vest** with the safari hat and binoculars that we made during art the previous week. We also made **Ndebele** African Dolls, **Kenti** Cloth Weaving, African Mud Huts, African Necklaces, hanging baboons, shredded paper lions, marble painted zebras, handprint planet Earths; with promises to the planet in honor of Earth Day...and many more fun projects!

As you have all heard, the TreeHouse will be permanently closing, effective September 1st. Many of you have inquired about childcare in September, next year during no school days in kindergarten, and etc. Please direct these questions to Tammy, as she will be the one who can answer them for you. Ms. Emily has accepted a teaching position with Phoenix School District in Arizona. In order to make the move south and begin the Arizona school year; which starts in July, her last day in the TreeHouse will be June 24th. We (Ms. Emily and Ms. Brandi) will work to make this transition as smooth as possible as we wrap up the final few months of the TreeHouse.

Thank you to all who joined us for conferences on April 18th. We enjoyed sharing with you all the growth your children have been making, and continue to make! For the month of May we will dive into the **OCEANS** and explore! Be sure to ask your child what new information they learned at circle time and about the letter of the week.

Ms. Brandi and Ms. Emily

May-16



Oceans



This Month's Books:

A House for Hermit Crab

The Pout-Pout Fish

Clark the Shark

Nugget & Fang

Barnacle is Bored

Diving Dolphin



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Oceans of the Word	3 Spanish: Coastal Zone	4 Handprint Crabs	5 Letter Yy Art	6 Share: Coastal Animal
9 Euphotic Zone	10 Spanish: Euphotic Animals	11 Tissue Paper Art	12 Letter Zz Art	13 Share: Favorite Euphotic Animal
16 Bathyal Zone	17 Letter Review Game	18 Sea animal Stencils	19 Blue Collage	20 Share: Favorite Stuffed Animal
23 Abyssal Zone	24 Spanish: Ocean Words	25 Underwater Volcanoes	26 Favorite Animal Drawing	27 Share: Favorite thing about oceans
30 No School				

